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## For Islamic summit Heads of state begin arriving

TAIF, Jan. 23 (Agencies) — King Hassan of Morocco and Gambia President Dawood Jawara arrived here Friday to attend the Islamic summit conference which is due to open Sunday. They were welcomed by King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdulrahman, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard and other officials.

The Vice President of Nigeria Sheikh Abubakar Siddique and the Deputy Premier of Malaysia Dr. Mhadar Muhammad and ministers of Cameroon and Guinea Bissau also arrived.

Dr. Muhammad said he was delighted to be represented by his country at the conference which, he hoped, would lead to "fruitful results."

In Abu Dhabi, officials announced that President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan of the UAE would lead his country's delegation Saturday, Sheikh Issa bin Salman of Bahrain will also arrive Saturday, it was announced in Manama.

Meanwhile, Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai Friday publicly told a mission trying to persuade Iran to attend Sunday's Islamic summit that no Iranian delegation would take part, Tehran radio said.

The delegates flew about 1,610 km from Taif to Tehran only to be told that Rajai would see them in Iran's southernmost port city of Bandar Abbas 1,040 km from the Iranian capital.

When they arrived in Bandar Abbas, the radio said, they were taken to an open-air Friday prayers in the city's sports stadium and then heard a speech by Rajai about the U.S. hostages affairs and the "imposed war on Iran."

Rajai reiterated that Iran would never take part in the Islamic Conference at Taif. Iran has said it will not sit down at the same conference table as President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, with which it has been at war for four months. The summit conference plans to discuss the war.

Rajai blunt comments appeared to rule out Iran's participation and the mission is expected to return here Friday night or Saturday. Mission members are the foreign ministers of Guinea, Pakistan and Turkey and Farouk Kaderumi, head of the political bureau of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). For many Iranians, the boycott has never been in doubt since Ayatollah Khomeini endorsed it.

In Taif, the foreign ministers were Friday making final arrangements for Sunday's opening of the Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) summit and taking stock of the achievements of the six-day preparatory conference, concluded Thursday night.

The preparatory conference has prepared the agenda for the summit with few skirmishes and only the Iran-Iraq war was referred directly to the heads of state, in the absence of a delegation from Iran.

Libya was the only other active ICO member to boycott the meeting of the 42-member organization. Egypt and Afghanistan have been suspended.

The chairman of the preparatory council, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, said Thursday that he thought that the ICO had already become the international body most representative of the interests of the Third World and the non-aligned nations.

The ICO already provides financial aid to its members through the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund, but on an economic level, the summit is expected to debate a detailed proposal for an investment guarantee and protection plan for member countries, which could lead to a greater chunk of the petro-dollars from Arab oil producers finding its way into investment programs in the worse-off member states, rather than being sent to the banking capitals of the Western world.

This could provide a vital new source of funds for some of the world's poorest countries, with nine ICO states classified by the World Bank as among the 21 least developed countries in the world.

Aid is expected to be given to the seven countries of the drought-stricken Sahel region of West Africa, where seven countries hit by famine for the past 10 years also belong to the ICO.

Most of the economic and cultural resolutions accepted by the ministerial meeting for the summit agenda were accepted without serious opposition, but this was not always

the case with the issues debated by the political commission and subsequently accepted by the plenary council meeting.

Turning to the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, the prince said that Islamic countries were the only group of nations that had taken a joint position "against such a dangerous step."

Prince Saud said that the Afghanistan issue could not be resolved by action being taken by the Islamic conference, but "we think what we have done is in the final analysis going to benefit the Soviet Union, if it makes it aware that even a great nation of tremendous power cannot just disregard the independence and integrity of the smaller nation."

The Islamic conference "managed to raise the problem to the consciousness of the world to the extent that the Soviet Union is facing some problems, and it is a healthy thing that it should face a problem."

It would be "a black world if Afghanistan is occupied and nothing happened, as nothing would have happened really had not the Islamic countries struggled for it," the foreign minister said.

## The Times bought by Murdoch

LONDON, Jan. 23 (AFP) — Rupert Murdoch, the Australian publisher who has built a press empire on sex, scandal and sports coverage, has bought *The Times* of London, subject to approval by the British government and agreements with journalists and printers.

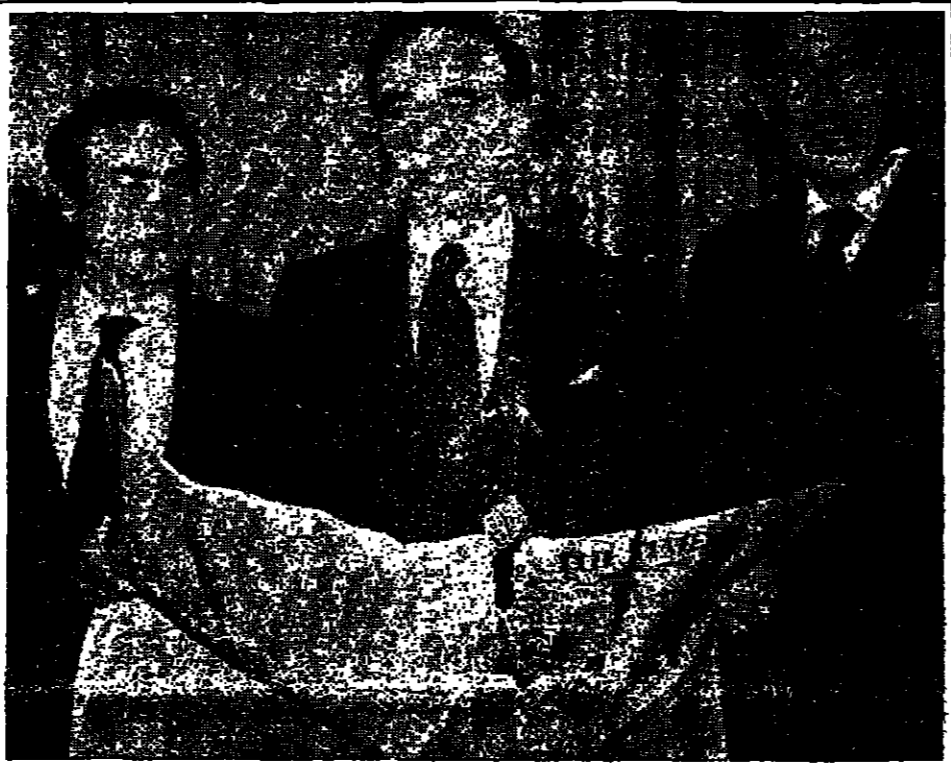
The purchase, announced here Thursday, also takes in *The Sunday Times* and three weekly supplements. Early trade union reaction was mixed, but favorable opinions were voiced by leaders of two main printing unions.

Sir Denis Hamilton, chairman of *Times* newspapers, told a news conference that Murdoch had undertaken "to protect the editorial quality and integrity" of *The Sunday Times*, and the literary, educational, and higher education supplements.

The flamboyant Australian had also committed himself "to preserve the separate identities of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* and to maintain the independence and authority of their editors." Another key condition of the sale was that the newspapers would remain "free from party political bias and from attachment to any sectional interest," Denis Hamilton said.

Gordon Brunton, managing director of Thomson British Holdings, said conditional agreement had been reached with Murdoch's News International Limited for the transfer of ownership of all five titles, "subject to the satisfactory outcome of negotiations between him and the trade unions representing the staff and the workforce."

Brunton added that the Murdoch takeover offer would be submitted to the



**TIMELY TAKEOVER:** Rupert Murdoch, the prospective new owner of the *London Times* and associate newspapers, looks over *The Times* when he announced his take over bid. With Murdoch's Harold Evans (left), editor of the *Sunday Times*, and William Reese Mogg (right), *London Times* editor.

British government. The Ministry of Trade would be asked to judge the validity of the deal in the context of British legislation on fair competition.

Tycoon Murdoch's holdings in the British national press already include *The Sun*, a tabloid with four million circulation, which makes it the country's best-selling daily, and *The News of the World*, which prints more than four million copies every Sunday. In the United States, the Murdoch group owns *The New York Post* and smaller newspapers.

Murdoch told the same news conference that he intended to keep on many of the

editorial staffers on *The Times* group of newspapers. But a good number of people would lose their jobs: there would be "considerable redundancies," he said. Regarding the coming negotiations, the Australian publisher warned: "If after three weeks we have no agreement, I will be gone."

*The Times*, which began publishing more than two centuries ago, suspended publication for close to a year due to a 1978 dispute with print unions. Its Canadian owner, Lord Thomson, decided to put the whole group up for sale after estimating that a strike by journalists last autumn cost *The Times* £20 million in lost revenues.

## Fahd optimistic about summit Rifts of 'secondary nature'



Crown Prince Fahd

JEDDAH, Jan. 23 — Crown Prince Fahd has expressed hope that the third Islamic summit at Mecca would be a great success. "What unites us is far more significant than the points of difference which are totally of a secondary nature."

Prince Fahd spelled out his views in a wide-ranging interview with the London based weekly *Al Majalla*, and in a report by *Saudi Business* Saturday.

The prince said the sanctity of Holy Kaaba and the time factor (marking the commencement of the 15th century of the Islamic calendar) will have a great impact on the summit which will debate Palestine, Jerusalem and Afghanistan among other issues.

The interview covered a wide range of subjects including the Iran-Iraq war, the question of military base facilities in the peninsula, and the Saudi-U.S. relations.

Asked whether a fresh attempt would be made at the summit to hammer out a solution to the Gulf war, Fahd said the Kingdom had made sincere attempts through the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) to end the war. "During the course of the summit, and even after it, we shall continue to work with sincere people of the Islamic nation to contain this war."

On the fate of Jerusalem and Palestine, Fahd said the Kingdom's standpoint was crystal clear. Both have to be brought within the ambit of Arab sovereignty. "From the standpoint of this concept, we work through the Jerusalem Committee which represents the Islamic community. The summit will consider a report prepared by the Committee on this issue," the prince said.

Replying to a question on the obligations of the Islamic states toward the Afghan freedom fighters, Fahd said these obligations stemmed from the need for Islamic solidarity and support to right and justice. The Afghan *mujahideen* had taken to arms to repel foreign occupation. It was the duty of the Islamic states to help the freedom fighters "with whom we are bound by a strong common faith."

Fahd stressed the need for a unified Arab stand on the issue of the restoration of

superseded rights of the Arabs. His reply came in response to a question whether such a stand, which could not be adopted during Carter's term, was possible now with Reagan in the saddle.

"What I have said on the need to adopt a unified Arab position is not only necessary for dealing with the administration of President Carter, but is also a basic and necessary condition for dealing with every American or non-American government," he added.

Asked what will be the Kingdom's response if the U.S. approached it with a request for military bases, Fahd said the Kingdom's position on this question is well known. "More than once we have reiterated that our land would never be used as base for any foreign power," he said.

The prince expressed opposition to the policy of Soviet penetration in the Gulf region. Such an action, he said, will only subvert the interests of the region. "The situation in Afghanistan perhaps presents a bleak example of such a penetration, with the result that the people of Afghanistan have become the first victim. The second, third and fourth victims would be the states of the region and their interests."

Such a situation, he said, could be averted if the Gulf states kept up a constant vigil. Other countries, whose interests were linked with those of the Gulf states could also help in defusing tension in the region, the crown prince observed.

## British Airlines cancels flights

LONDON, Jan. 23 (R) — British Airways cancelled all its 190 flights due to leave London's Heathrow airport Friday because of a strike by 20,000 engineers, ground workers and maintenance men.

A spokesman for the state-owned airline said 18,000 passengers booked on intercontinental, international and domestic flights were affected, but as possible would be transferred to other airlines.

The strikers are demanding a 20 per cent pay rise.

## From UNICEF African states to get \$10m

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AFP) — The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is to give nine African states emergency aid totaling \$10,650,000 from a special trust set up last month by seven Gulf states, UNICEF Director James Grant said here. The money, scheduled for UNICEF development projects, would come from \$200 million that six of the seven Arab states had already promised for 1981, Grant told the UNICEF board. The Gulf states that set up the special trust are Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab

Emirates, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar.

It would go to African states hit by drought, civil strife, border problems, political instability or economic problems, he added. The nine states are Ethiopia, which will receive \$3 million, Angola, (\$2 million), Uganda (\$1.5 million), Somalia, Sudan and Zimbabwe (\$1 million each), the Central African Republic (\$500,000), Chad and Chadian refugees (\$500,000) and Djibouti (\$150,000).

## Soviets hurt by Afghan rocket threat, doctor says

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23 (Agencies) — An Afghan doctor, who recently defected to India, Friday confirmed reports that Afghan rebels were using rockets and said casualty rates of Soviet Troops and Afghan government forces had gone up "drastically" in recent weeks.

"The fire power of the freedom fighters has gone up tremendously, we have evidence that they are now using rockets and this is worrying the government a lot," the doctor, who arrived here Wednesday and sought refugee status with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) here, said.

Before his defection, he worked in Kabul and was attached with the ministry of public health. He fled Afghanistan with his wife on

the pretext of medical treatment she needed in the Indian capital.

Giving evidence of the use of rockets by the rebels, he said his colleagues had seen bodies of 48 ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) members who were killed in one single nationalist operation in Abdullah Bujr in Parwan province a fortnight ago.

In another development, Said Muhammad Maiwand, secretary-general of the Delhi based Afghanistan Liberation Organization (ALO) said Friday that the ALO had invited the three British opposition Labor members of parliament back to Afghanistan, following their recent return from a visit sponsored by the Soviet-backed government.

Meanwhile, the Western diplomatic sources reported Friday that the Afghan freedom-fighter killed 28 supporters of the Soviet-backed government of President Babrak Karmal in Kabul during stepped up attacks in the past week.

## U.S. senators confront Turkey

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (R) — Sixty-nine U.S. Senators have urged Turkey to reverse its action in downgrading diplomatic relations with Israel.

In a letter delivered Thursday by Howard Metzenbaum (Democrat, Ohio) to Turkish Ambassador Sukru Elekdag, the Senators said they would be deeply disappointed if Turkey yielded to the wishes of 'extremist countries' that sought discord in the Middle East.

Turkey recently reduced its diplomatic representation in Israel and asked Israel to cut down embassy personnel in Ankara. The letter said the step could harm Israel and Egypt and, if Turkey persisted it, would undermine the Camp David accords between the two countries.

They said large number of freedom-fighters had infiltrated Kabul and 35 Afghan officers and soldiers and at least three Soviet soldiers had been killed in attacks on patrols.

The sources said there were conflicting reports about the Jan. 14 explosion which destroyed the central heating plant at the Micro Rayon apartment complex, where many Soviet families are housed. Some reports in Kabul said the blast came from a bomb planted at the building, while others alleged it was destroyed by "rockets."

As a result of the increased nationalist activity, Soviet troops in armored personnel

## Syrian peace force attacked Beirut fighting breaks out

BEIRUT, Jan. 23 (AP) — Heavy fighting broke out in several parts of the low-income neighborhoods in mostly Muslim west Beirut Friday and police said two persons were killed and seven wounded.

Schools closed and hundreds of families fled to basements and bomb shelters as rival Lebanese armed factions battled with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades in the Chiyah neighborhood on Beirut's southern fringe.

A statement from the Syrian-dominated Arab Deterrent Force said arrangements were underway for its peace-keeping units to move in to separate the combatants and enforce a ceasefire.

But a Lebanese police spokesman said one Syrian tank received a direct hit, which slowed the advance of the truce enforcers. The spokesman said the two killed were one combatant and one passer by. There was no definite word on who was fighting whom in this Mediterranean capital that has scores of bickering militias in addition to Palestinian commandos.

One report said the fighting pitted militiamen of Amal, the pro-Iranian dominant organization of Lebanon's 950,500 Mus-

lim Shites, against supporters of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's ruling Socialist Baath Party. But another report said Amal warriors were fighting commandos of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, which supports the Libyan regime of Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

## Dollar touches peak against Italian lira

LONDON, Jan. 23 (AP) — Buoyed by rising U.S. interest rates, the dollar hit an all-time peak against the Italian lira Friday and reached its highest fixing level against the West German mark since Aug. 3, 1978. Gold prices fell.

The dollar climbed to an all-time high of 963.55 lira afternoon by early in Milan, up from 961.50 lira mid-morning and 957.25 late Thursday. In Frankfurt, dealers fixed the dollar at 2.0295 marks in early afternoon.

In Tokyo, the U.S. dollar picked up strength against the Japanese yen Friday to close the week at 201.50 yen, up more than 1.00 yen from Thursday's finish of 200.40 yen.

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# Khaled receives Faisal award

RIYADH, Jan. 23 (SPA) — King Khaled was granted the King Faisal Islamic Services Award for 1981. The King won the award Wednesday night for his efforts in uniting Muslims, closing their ranks, protecting the holy places and working to enhance Islamic Sharia rule and spreading Islam.

The King Faisal International Award Committee referred in a statement to King Khaled's personal donations to help fulfill the mission of mosques, spreading Islam, appointing religious advocates and helping and defending Muslim minorities in the world.

One of the other two awards — the Islamic Studies Award — was suspended this year because the material nominated for the award was not adequate. The Arabic Literature Award was granted to Abdul Salam Muhammad Haroon, a well-known writer, for his published studies on second and third centuries Hijra literature. The prize was given to Haroon in recognition of the effect of his work on the literary life as a whole.

the Arabic language poetry and prose books.

The Philanthropic society was formed in 1976 by the sons of the late King Faisal to commemorate his services to Islam. The foundation's objectives are encouraging scholarly Islamic studies and excellence in Arabic literature. The Islamic Services Award is SR300,000 and a gold medal, while the other two equal SR250,000 each.

The award committee decides the topics for literature and Islamic studies awards. The literature award for 1982 will be specified for studies dealing with the Arabic literature before Islam until the end of the first Hijra year. Studies on contemporary economic problems in the light of Islam will be the topic for the next Islamic studies award, the committee decided.

The King Faisal International Award Preparatory Committee decided to add science and medicine as a fourth field for the award. First-aid and medical care also was selected the topic for the coming award because of its

role in securing protection and treatment for a large number of people and to highlight the scientific research exerted to develop first-aid care.

Meanwhile, several Muslim leaders expressed their pleasure that the Islamic services award was given to King Khaled. The leaders stressed that the declaration is a recognition of Saudi Arabia's role in serving the causes of Islam and Muslims.

Secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Habib Chatfi, said King Khaled is considered a Muslim personality who deserves the award most.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi also reiterated that the Kingdom, led by King Khaled, honorably deserves the Islamic services award. He said Saudi Arabia, with its great services to the Muslim community by organizing the pilgrimage, receiving millions of pilgrims and providing them with all means of comfort and security boosts the Kingdom's leading role for Muslims' affairs.

The Kingdom's role in treating Muslims' affairs and its efforts in caring for securing protection, sovereignty, agreement and unity among Muslims needs no propagation.

Senegalese Foreign Minister Mustapha Niass also reconfirmed King Khaled's merit of the award for his permanent effort for Islamic solidarity and his role in serving Islam and Muslims' causes in Africa and the whole world.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Ahmad Reda Tekno praised the granting of the award to King Khaled and said that the King merits the honor for his special position in the Muslim World as the servant of the holy places and his wise leadership in reorganizing Muslim ranks and serving their causes.

Nur Miswari, chairman of the Moro liberation front, hailed King Khaled's services to Muslims and said granting the special award to King Khaled is an acknowledgement of his leading role in this connection.

Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, secretary general of the foundation, said in a press conference that King Faisal Philanthropic Foundation has no connection with the Award, except that it started the award. The foundation has provided necessary funds for investment, and whose income is specific for the award, he said.

Prince Khaled said that the King Faisal International Award Commission is totally unrelated to the King Faisal foundation. The commission's decisions are effectual and it is administered by the secretariat, he added.

### Handicapped get aid

JEDDAH, Jan. 23 — Handicapped and blind citizens who have completed an occupational training course will be given SR100,000 each as a loan to help them start their own businesses and ensure a steady income. The money will be paid by the Saudi Credit Bank, it was revealed here Friday.



ATTENTIVE: Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal listens to speakers during last week's foreign ministers conference in Taif. The ministers have adopted resolutions for the heads of states to discuss in the coming week.

## Summit offers fresh start — Yamani

LONDON, Jan. 23 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani reiterated that the third Islamic Summit conference provides a fresh start for Islamic solidarity. An intense Islamic action will follow the summit, making the year 1981 a year for the Palestine question, he said.

The progress of the Islamic foreign ministers' conference in an atmosphere of agreement, cooperation and sense of responsibility confirms that the Mecca Summit will proceed to wider prospects regarding the unity of policy in international circles, the relation among Islamic countries and their relation to the outside world, Dr. Yamani said.

Leaders of Islamic countries are coming to the big Muslim congregation in Mecca determined to achieve constructive resolutions that will serve Islamic causes in political, economic and cultural aspects, the minister said. The summit will reaffirm that the Muslim community is keen to establish good relations with other peoples and expects the same from others, Dr. Yamani said.

Asked whether the Mecca summit is a beginning of intense moves international circles to regain Jerusalem and the rights of the Palestinian people including establishing their own state, Dr. Yamani said he agreed with that opinion. The summit carries the name of Palestine and the international circumstances are suitable for such moves.

The governments and people of the world have begun to be aware of the justice of the Arab demands and neglect Zionist propaganda, the minister said. That makes the intense Islamic move in the context of suitable international conditions, and it has become a known fact that peace would not be achieved in the Middle East without restoring the rights of the Palestinian people, he added.

### Rains hit Dammam

DAMMAM, Jan. 23 (SPA) — Heavy rains fell in various parts of the Eastern Province Thursday. The rains which began in the morning continued until the afternoon.

## UPM to hold Master's talk

DHAHRAN, Jan. 23 — The University of Petroleum and Minerals' Director of Preparatory Programs, Dr. Ibrahim A. Natto, returned from a professional conference sponsored by the World Council for Curriculum and Instruction in Tagaytay City, Philippines, recently.

According to a UPM report, about 200 educators participated in the conference. Dr. Natto was elected as regional representative to the WCCI board of directors for Arab states.

In other UPM news, Muhammad Ali Maud, an M.S. student in the electrical engineering department will present a Master's thesis proposal on "Dedicated Microprocessors for Real Time Identification of Multivariable System at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26.

In addition, UPM reported that the All-Saudi Universities tennis championship played at UPM was won by King Abdul Aziz University. Second place went to UPM and Riyadh University took third place. The consolation tournament was won by KAU at Mecca. KFU King Faisal University took second place in the consolation tournament.

### Prayer Times

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Ishraq	7:00	7:00	6:38	6:28	6:52	7:25
Dhuhr	12:33	12:34	12:05	11:52	12:16	12:46
Asr	3:43	3:40	3:10	2:55	3:20	3:46
Mughrib	6:06	6:02	5:33	5:17	5:42	6:08
Isha	7:36	7:32	7:03	6:47	7:12	7:38

### For transportation industry

## Mansouri to head conference

LONDON, Jan. 23 (LPS) — Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, Saudi Arabian Minister of Communications, is to chair the Middle East Road Transport Conference in London on Feb. 19 and 20.

Its aim is to bring together all the elements of the transport industry in the Middle East and North African countries, and to initiate a dialogue on the various topics that they feel most need attention. It is being organized by Middle East Transport magazine and IC Expo Ltd, both part of the London-based International Communications publishing group.

"The transport industry is on the threshold of new achievements in the Middle East, and is why we consider it timely to create the opportunity for transport people to get together and discuss their problems and aspirations," a conference spokesman said.

Delegates will include fleet operators, forwarders, customs officials, road building contractors and consultants, legal specialists,

vehicle and maintenance equipment manufacturers and insurance advisers. After an opening address by Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, speakers will deal with setting up a transport business and with safety and driving regulations. A Ministry spokesman from Riyadh will make some observations on policing new rules for transporting goods in Saudi Arabia.

Later sessions will consider various aspects of documentation, distribution, vehicle maintenance and workshop practice, road infrastructure and future development. Two of the talks are entitled "Adapting Middle Eastern roads for the development of road transport", and "Establishing a TIR system for the Middle East". IC Expo Ltd, specializes in conferences and exhibitions covering the Middle East and Africa. International Communications is a leading publisher of news and business periodicals for these regions.

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By Islamic foreign ministers

# Resolutions adopted

TAIF, Jan. 23 (SPA) — The Islamic foreign ministers' conference wound up its meetings Thursday by submitting recommendations and resolutions on all topics debated to the third Islamic Summit conference to open in Mecca Jan. 25.

Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, chairman of the conference, said in a press conference Thursday night that the Political Committee concluded its meetings by submitting the Jerusalem Committee report and a proposal jointly presented by Syria and the

Palestine Liberation Organization about the Palestinian question, the Middle East conflict, Jerusalem and the Jerusalem Fund.

Prince Saud said the conference members unanimously approved the resolution about the difficulties of the west African coastal states and the Mayot Island issue of the Comoros. The island is occupied by France.

The Lebanese problem will be passed to the summit to be discussed at the level of heads of state. The issue of an Islamic justice court also will be presented to the summit with a recommendation for undertaking a special study to accomplish the issue, the prince said.

In regard to changing the OIC charter, he said some of the items include extending the office period of the secretary general from two to four years. The issue of renewal will be considered by the next conference of Islamic foreign ministers with the remaining items to be assessed after completing studies by the organization's member states.

On the works of the Economic Committee, Prince Saud said the economic committee and its drafting sub-committee drew the final draft for the economic cooperation program among Islamic countries, the agreement for encouragement, protection and guarantee of investments in Islamic countries and the proposal for establishing a Muslim shipowners' union to be based in Jeddah.

Asked if the conference would only urge Islamic states on solidarity or if the conference adopted compulsory resolutions for Islamic solidarity, Prince Saud denied that there was a paper for Islamic solidarity. He said there are several resolutions since the Islamic solidarity does not regard only one issue.

Islamic solidarity is to be handled on various levels and has its meanings. When the resolutions are studied and approved by the summit, it will be clear that the resolutions are undertaken due to practical aspects as well as the recommendations, the foreign minister said.

**Two convicts beheaded**

JEDDAH, Jan. 23 (SPA) — Two men were beheaded Friday after being found guilty of murder.

Ali Muhammad Al Yamani was beheaded in Riyadh for killing his wife Saeda bint Hassan Al Yamani, while Awad ibn Muhammad Al Maliki was executed in Buraida for killing Abdul Aziz ibn Abdullah Al Shareef.

An Interior Ministry statement announcing the executions said the government will continue to combat crime with all the powers at its disposal, in accordance with the sharia, Islamic law, at all those found guilty of disturbing the peace and security of the country.



Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan

## Six museums planned

RIYADH, Jan. 23 — Six new museums will be built in various cities in the Kingdom in the near future. Tenders will be put out and some companies will be invited to bid for the projects according to the Director of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, Dr. Abdullah Al Masri.

## Talal discusses cooperation

# UN official praises Kingdom

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 23 (SPA) — Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, honorary assistant secretary general of the U.N. for UNICEF, held talks with Mukhtar M'Baw, director general of UNESCO, Wednesday night. The talks concentrated on the cooperation between UNICEF and UNESCO.

The talks, centering on qualifications for carrying out programs that benefit the Third world and support the activities of UNICEF, will resume next week between the two officials, it was reported.

Meanwhile, the Executive Board of UNICEF met Thursday night to discuss the activities of the Gulf Development Fund of the United Nations to be based in Manama, Bahrain. James Grant, the executive director of UNICEF, stressed that the formation of

# Harakan outlines summit prospects

JEDDAH, Jan. 23 (SPA) — The Islamic summit conference will be a great opportunity for the heads of states to solve any outstanding problems and smooth away the differences.

Imams of Mosques throughout the Kingdom spoke Friday to the faithful about the value of the summit and its expected results concentrating on the unity and solidarity of the Muslim nation and the Islamic states so that they may merge as a force to be reckoned with and be better able to face the challenges and confront their common enemy.

Such an objective will be easier because the summit is being held in the Kingdom and hosted by King Khaled who has been striving for a joint Islamic endeavor and calling for jihad (holy struggle) to liberate the occupied places and other territories.

Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim world league, expressed his pleasure on the accomplishments of the Islamic foreign ministers conference. He said Muslims are fully aware of the

## Warns of dangers

grave circumstances surrounding them, especially the Jerusalem issue and the Zionist arrogance in the occupied Arab land. Sheikh Harakan also referred to the pressure applied to the Afghan people and the sufferings of Muslims in many other places.

He said the resolutions to be approved by Islamic Kings and heads of state are a reconfirmation of the responsibilities they bear on behalf of their peoples.

Dr. Muhammad Baisar, rector of the Cairo-based Al-Azhar Islamic university, expressed his optimism about the constructive results of the upcoming Mecca Islamic Summit. Baisar, who is in Riyadh for a visit, said that the meeting of Islamic leaders is the aspiration of the Muslim community in closing its ranks and progress toward its supreme objectives.

Sheikh Muhammad Al-Habib ibn Khouja, Mufti of Tunisia, said Islamic leaders should draw practical plans that would be capable of confronting the challenges and dangers facing the Muslim world and overcome them. Muslims all over the world are looking for-

ward to the results of the summit as a serious stand that would confront the challenges, and dangers, he added.

Sheikh ibn Khouja, who is visiting the Kingdom, reiterated that the conference is being held in good circumstances on one hand, and difficult on the other. It will be held in the Holy Haram were Prophet Muhammad was born and coincides with the advent of the 15th century Hijra.

The timing and the place will help the Muslim leaders to tend to unity, solidarity and collective stand and work to face the challenges, Sheikh ibn Khouja said.

The other face of the conference is that it presents many difficulties with the internal differences that separates the effort as a major one. The continuing occupation of Jerusalem by Zionists, Palestine, the occupied Arab land, the Iraq-Iran conflict and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan coupled with regression in means of power, science and technology to face the enemies are facing the participants in the summit, the Mufti added.

## Comment

By Saleh Muhammad Jamal  
Al Medina

My friend, Muhammad Said Tayib, director general of Tihama organization, is kind enough to send me regularly copies of the organization's publications, which fill a large gap in the Arabic library and help in spreading Saudi Arabian literature.

For a long time attempts have been made to publish Saudi literature, but met with little success. In the 1960s, the Library of Culture published two books; one containing poetical works of Taher Zimakshari, and the other was the History of Mecca by Ahmed Al-Sibaie. Later, it stopped publication owing to lack of the means of marketing.

After some time, several writers from Mecca, headed by Abdul Wahhab Deblawai, constituted a committee for publications, which also published a couple of books before closing down for the same reasons.

In fact, the problem of Saudi Arabian literature, both prose and poetry, arises from a lack of interest in publication shown by most writers. Ahmed Abdul Ghafoor Attar, Hassan Abdullah Al-Qarshi and Taher Zimakshari were perhaps amongst the few who had their works published with their personal efforts. The yearning for publication, however, remained strong in the hear of Abdul Aziz Al-Rifai who, with his small establishment, published quite a few books on prose and poetry, and is still engaged in its mission with fortitude and patience.

With the changed circumstances now, Tihama would not find the task a bed of roses. Its mission is difficult, no doubt. But, with patience and endurance, it would realize its objective of rendering service to literature and culture. I hope Tihama perseveres in its task and, at the same time, receives assistance from relevant authorities in the uninterrupted fulfillment of its obligations.

## BRIEFS

**Post office opened**  
TAIF, Jan. 23 (SPA) — The Postal and Government Affairs Department of Saudia decided to establish a temporary postal office at Taif Airport to operate 24-hours a day. The decision was taken to facilitate communications between government departments that moved to Taif for the Islamic Summit conference.

**University to hold seminar**  
MEDINA, Jan. 23 (SPA) — The Islamic University of Medina will organize a symposium under the title of "Muslims, present and their future" Sunday. Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen will participate in the seminar which also will be attended by Dr. Abdul Mohsen Al-Turki, Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic university rector, and Sheikh Abdullah ibn Muzahim, assistant chairman of the Sharia

**Society organizes festival**  
HASA, Jan. 23 (SPA) — Hasa Cultural and Art Society will organize a festival Jan. 30 during which folk dances will be displayed and poetry will be read. Hasa Governor Prince Muhammad ibn Fahd ibn Jiluwi will attend the festival. An exhibition for old handicrafts popular in the region also will be held as part of the festival.

**India activity planned**  
JEDDAH, Jan. 23 — India's 32nd Republic Day celebrations will be held on Monday. A flag hoisting ceremony will be held at 8 a.m. at the Indian Embassy premises here. Ambassador Abdul Kader Hafizka will give a reception at his residence to mark the occasion.

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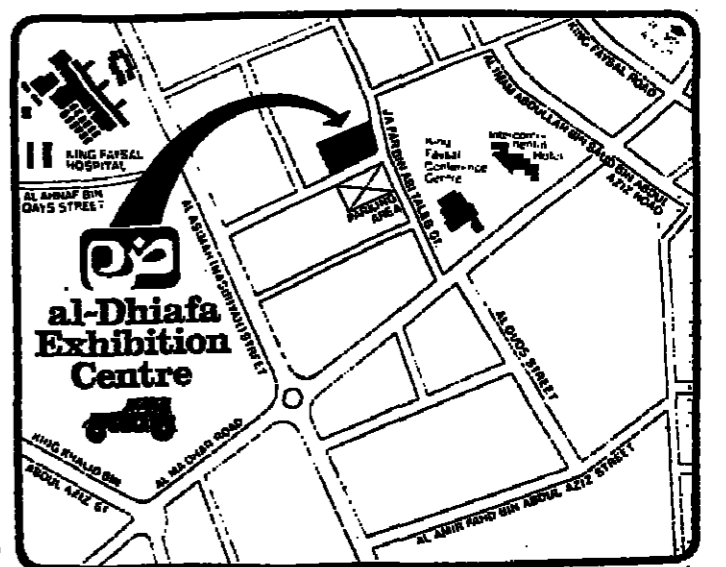
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After hostage mediation

# U.S.-Algeria links set for improvement

By Bob Lebling and Fauzi Asmar  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 — Algeria's crucial mediating role in resolving the Iran hostage crisis has won the praise and admiration of U.S. government officials, the press and the American public at large — signaling a dramatic improvement of that North African Arab state's image and influence in this country.

The marathon diplomatic efforts of the Algerian government to secure the release of the 52 American hostages on terms acceptable to both Iran and the U.S. have been described here as skillful, dedicated and impartial.

U.S. officials are predicting that the mediation effort will lead to a substantial improvement in American-Algerian relations on a number of political issues, to complement an already solid commercial relationship between the two states. The U.S. is expected to listen much more carefully to Algeria's views on such subjects as the Western Sahara war and the Arab-Israeli dispute, as well as a broad range of economic and Third World issues, sources said.

Prior to the hostage crisis, political relations between the two states were correct but cool, with American policymakers regarding Algeria as one of the "radical" Arab states.

## Mubarak sees autonomy progress at end of year

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (AP) — Palestinian autonomy talks will not "bear any fruit" until the end of this year, Egypt's Vice President Hosni Mubarak is quoted as saying by the daily *Al Gomhuriya*. Addressing the weekly meeting of a branch of the ruling National Democratic Party in Suhag, 250 miles south of Cairo, Mubarak said Thursday the Reagan administration had yet to settle in, and elections in Israel in July would also hold up the process.

"The Middle East problem is of great importance to the new American administration, and it is likely that it will begin a concentrated effort to solve the autonomy issue in March," Mubarak is quoted as saying.

"But we don't expect the autonomy talks to bear any fruit before the end of this year, especially as July has been set as the date for elections in Israel," the paper quotes him as saying.

pro-Soviet by inclination, whose policies were somewhat inimical to U.S. interests.

This perception, although some what moderated in the past year or two, existed despite a steadily growing economic relationship between Algeria and the U.S. American oil companies have been buying about half of Algeria's exports of light, high quality crude oil, and the Algerians have been increasingly turning to U.S. oil and business expertise as an alternative to the still strong French presence in that country.

The selection of Algeria to be the mediator of the hostage crisis was made by Iran, according to official sources here. Algeria has represented Iranian interests here since the U.S. government closed down the Iranian embassy in Washington last April. The U.S. quickly agreed to the Iranian selection, which seemed ideal in terms of both the disputing countries' interests.

Algeria, first of all, is a Muslim country which by virtue of its location and history retains a western orientation despite its socialist political system. Algeria has a reputation for skilled diplomatic mediation. In 1975, it was able to bring Iraq and Iran together for an accord on the hotly disputed Shatt Al-Arab estuary.

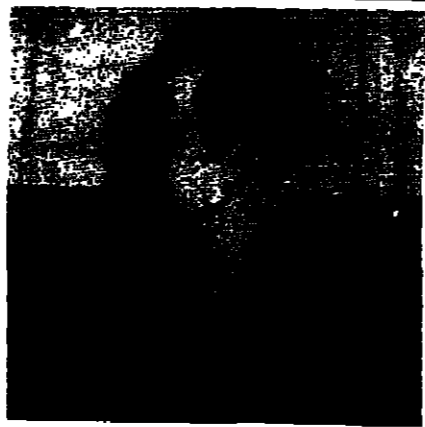
Despite the fact that Algeria still relies heavily on the Soviet Union for its military equipment, the country has been careful to remain nonaligned in terms of the two major superpowers. Algeria has developed a good working relationship with Iran, particularly within OPEC, where the two countries frequently take similar stands on pricing and other oil matters.

Iran trusts Algeria, and was confident that the Algerians, as major oil suppliers to the U.S. could pressure the American government if necessary to implement any agreements reached in the context of the hostage crisis.

For its part, Algeria's motives in agreeing to mediate the dispute were humanitarian, political, and economic. Supplementing the purely humanitarian consideration was the realization that helping to resolve the crisis would enhance Algeria's international reputation.

In addition, Algerian officials hoped that by playing a constructive role in the hostage dilemma, Algeria would gain political influence with the United States, particularly in two areas:

- To encourage the U.S. to shift closer toward the Arab position in the Middle East dispute; and
- To gain American sympathy for Algeria's stand in support of the Polisario movement in the Western Saharan war.



Muhammad Benyahia

On the economic front, Algerian mediation of the hostage dispute could help improve the atmosphere in the almost year-long U.S.-Algerian negotiations on a major liquefied natural gas deal. This accord has been held up because of American unwillingness to meet Algeria's price.

There have already been positive indications that the U.S. will show greater sympathy for Algerian positions on various issues as a result of that country's intermediation role.

One State Department official was quoted Wednesday as saying: "There is no question that this has been an important episode and it is widely recognized that we owe Algeria a great deal, a major debt of gratitude."

The official described the Algerian negotiating team, led by Foreign Minister Muhammad Benyahia, as "superb intermediaries, meticulous negotiators... accurate, impartial, objective, patient and painstaking on every knotty issue."

The mediation effort "cannot help but have an important impact on the Algerian image in this country with the public, the congress and the new administration."

Secretary of State Alexander Haig has expressed his belief that if countries perform favors for the U.S. America should repay the favors. This philosophy could be translated into political and economic benefits for Algeria, sources said.

## Libyan presence seen worrying Chad authorities

N'DJAMENA, Jan. 23 (AFP) — The authorities here, having minimized the implications of a planned merger between Libya and Chad, are nonetheless showing some concern about Libyan presence, which in the space of a month has taken a firm hold in the north of the country.

Recent statements here suggest that Chadian authorities share the concern expressed by a growing number of African states over the merger agreement, announced in Tripoli on Jan. 6 at the end of a visit by Goukouni Oueddei, head of Chad's transitional government of national union.

The Chadian news agency ATP Monday published the full text of a communique signed by 11 African heads of state in the Togolese capital last week condemning the merger plan and calling on Libya to withdraw troops from Chad.

In N'djamena itself, where the sectors under Libyan control are best known the transitional government has started "rubbing out" the most glaring traces of foreign presence.

Reliable sources meanwhile said that the government is planning to retake control of the capital's airport, which has been protected by the Libyans until now. One Chad minister, who has described this as a high-priority task, commented: "How can you expect a Western businessman to come here as long as the Libyans are at the airport?"

Observers here, however, expressed doubts that the Libyans would happily agree to hand over control of a sector that has such undoubted strategic importance as the airport.

At present, they not only occupy the passenger terminal but also an air base where French troops were stationed until France decided to pull all its troops out of its former colony.

## Israel to expand settlements

TEL AVIV, Jan. 23 (Agencies) — The Israeli government is planning a big building program to expand its settlements on the occupied West Bank before the general elections in summer, Israeli television said Thursday. The report said the government would build 2,500 apartments and houses in settlements in the next six months.

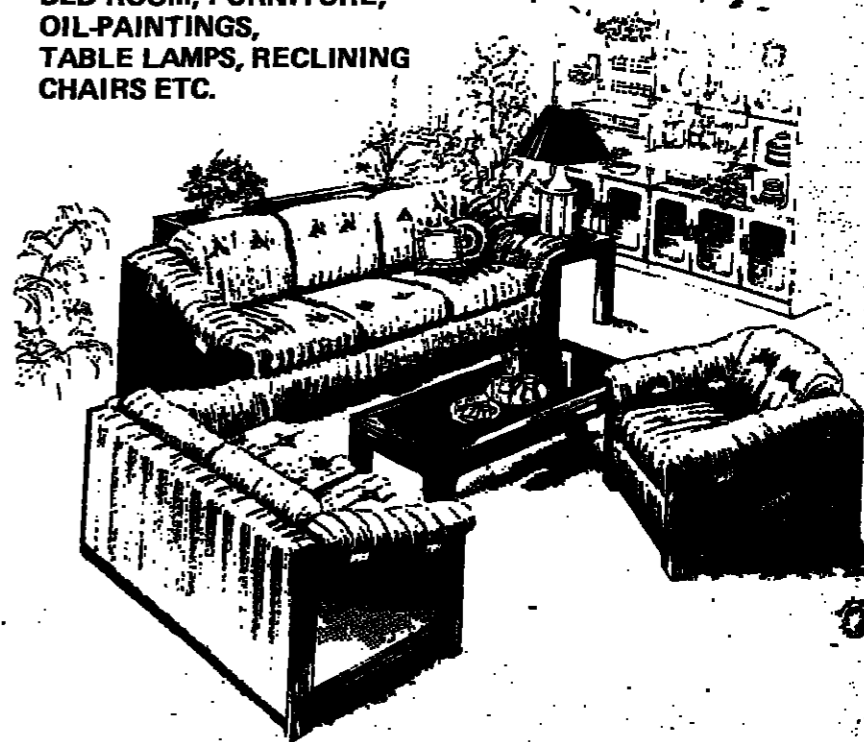
Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government is expected to lose the elections to the opposition Labor Party which opposes building Jewish settlements in West Bank areas densely populated by Palestinians.

About 17,000 people live in Israel's West Bank settlements at the moment, according to official figures. The new building program could increase this total by 10,000. Earlier this week, the government announced it would build three new settlements.

Meanwhile, 20 persons, including many Muslim religious leaders, have been arrested in the West Bank by Israeli security forces on suspicion of links with Palestinian commando organizations and for perpetrating attacks against Israel, the state radio reported Thursday.

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TUNIS, (AFP) — The Arab League Thursday decided to extend by six months the mandate of the Arab Deterrent Force in Lebanon at the request of the Lebanese government, informed sources here said.

MOSCOW, (R) — Libya Friday replaced its embassy in Moscow with a "people's bureau", in line with similar moves at Libyan offices throughout the world over the last 16 months.

ANKARA, (R) — Turkish security forces have arrested 87 members of a right-wing group who are charged with killing 30 people in the last two years, officials said Friday.

RABAT, (R) — Morocco will win the war against the Algerian-backed Polisario Front in the Western Sahara before the end of this month, King Hussein said in interview with the West German magazine *Der Spiegel*, the text of which was published here Wednesday.

AMMAN, (R) — Queen Nur, wife of King Hussein of Jordan, is expecting her second child next June, the royal palace has announced. Queen Nur gave birth to a baby boy last year.

VIENNA, (R) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky will pay an official visit to Egypt from Feb. 14 to 17, a spokesman said Thursday.

AMMAN, (AP) — The Jordanian government has repeated its request urging the United Nations to move the headquarters of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees from Vienna to the Middle East, a top Jordanian official said.

GABORONE, (AP) — Botswana and Turkey established diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level this week, a spokesman for the office of the president said Thursday.

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## Reagan retains Carter envoy

By Donald Kirk

TOKYO — President-elect Ronald Reagan's decision to cross traditional party lines and retain Mike Mansfield as ambassador to Japan has elated both Japanese and American officials here. "Everybody knows the ambassador's personal dedication and achievement," said a senior Japanese Foreign Ministry official. The diplomat credited Mansfield, in his four years as ambassador under President Carter, with playing "an important role in deepening understanding and friendship between the two countries."

Japanese and American sources here cited the completion of ticklish negotiations aimed at breaking down barriers on the import of beef and oranges into Japan and the sale of American electronic equipment to Japan's telegraph and telephone company as major achievements of Mansfield's tour.

Mansfield arrived in Japan at the outset of the Carter administration after retiring from the Senate at the age of 73. He will be 78 on March 16 but appears as lively and affable as ever at diplomatic receptions, and has shown what diplomats regard as a sure grasp of the delicate issues affecting relations between the U.S. and Japan.

At the same time, however, critics note that he still has not managed to find solutions to two of the most sensitive issues — that of Japan's refusal to raise its military budget to the level urged by the U.S. and to cut down significantly on the level of car exports to the United States.

Mansfield has described the car issue as "the most difficult problem" he has to deal with. Before Reagan telephoned him to inform him of his appointment, Mansfield had carefully let it be known he would like to remain. He had avoided discussing his interest with reporters, but Japanese newspapers widely publicized a magazine commentary urging Reagan to let him stay on.

## Portugal's premier woos opposition

By Mary Chalmers

LISBON — Portugal's new prime minister has reshuffled his cabinet in an attempt to reduce the enmity between the country's ruling center-right coalition and its political foes. The main targets of Premier Francisco Pinto Balsemao's diplomacy are president Antonio Ramalho Eanes and the opposition Socialist Party.

His new 18-member cabinet, which was sworn in on Jan. 9, includes 10 new faces. Only three ministers in the outgoing government of Social Democrats, Christian Democrats and monarchists retain their portfolios.

The aims of the Democratic Alliance coalition, which came to power 12 months ago, have not changed, but the strategy has. Balsemao continues to list reform of Portugal's Socialist-leaning constitution and entry to the Common Market by 1983 as top priorities. But unlike his predecessor, Francisco sa Carneiro, who was killed in an air crash last year, the new Premier is determined to pursue these objectives by consultation and compromise rather than confrontation.

He has already called for consensus with the Socialists to obtain the two-thirds parliamentary majority necessary to amend the constitution. The most significant newcomer to the government is Foreign Minister Andre Concalves Pereira, an expert on international law, who enters the cabinet as an independent. He is a close friend of the prime minister, who is keen to promote Portugal's role in international affairs.

This enthusiasm is also shown by the creation of a ministry of European integration under former Trade and Industry Minister Alvaro Barreto, a Social Democrat, to oversee Portugal's negotiations to join the Common Market.

To cushion Portugal's adjustment to the EEC, Balsemao has declared that economic expansion must be a top priority. According to alliance sources, the new Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Joao Morais Leitao, a Christian Democrat, intends to start redefining the economy, a move opposed by his monetarist predecessor.

The environment-conscious Monarchist Party enters government for the first time, heading a newly created ministry for the quality of life. The party, which has only six seats in the 250-member parliament, seeks restoration of the monarchy, which was abolished in 1910.

The new government's policy of political conciliation is due partly to growing tensions within the Democratic Alliance, whose right wing regards the prime minister as too liberal. Cynics in the coalition — and there are many — are doubtful that Portugal's 13th government since the 1974 revolution will last for long.



## Mrs. Gandhi fails to deliver on promises

By Tyler Marshall

NEW DELHI — When Indira Gandhi toured the country before her election victory last January, she promised people who were appalled by the ineptitude of their leaders that she would give them a "government that works." Today, political analysts agree that in the year since returning to power her government has made little headway in solving India's most serious economic and social problems.

Progress toward halting inflation and resolving a crippling electric power crisis is viewed as marginal and, in part, only cosmetic. Meanwhile, an alarming decline in law and order and respect for authority goes unchecked. "Distinctly mediocre," a diplomat said of the Gandhi government's performance.

Yet, despite what is widely seen as Mrs. Gandhi's failure to deliver on the election promise, she remains popular in virtually every corner of the country. One of the few Indian political figures known outside her own country, she is the only Indian leader whose following reaches across the barriers thrown up by caste, class and regional conflict.

Mrs. Gandhi's continued popularity, despite her government's lackluster performance, reflects the unique strength of her personal stature. She has ascended to a level where her personal popularity remains insulated from that of her government.

For in a nation where family forms the core of social order, she is both the daughter of the country's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, and a Brahmin, the elite of India's caste system. She and her father have ruled India for more than 29 of its 33 1/2 years of independence. (Even when she was out of office for nearly three years, many Indians looked upon her as their leader.)

Even more importantly, she is the only living political figure to take the trouble to reach out and

touch the masses in every corner of the nation. The response has transformed her into a kind of "mother of India" figure.

In a nation of 600 million, she is a populist, and, like most populists, she is viewed with deep suspicion by the intelligentsia. But she is adored by the masses. An illiterate farmer might be angered at the government's inability to control the rising cost of fertilizer or provide electric power for his irrigation pumps. But he does not hold Mrs. Gandhi responsible. It is the fault of the crooked, inept politicians, he thinks, and that is a category from which India's masses exclude Mrs. Gandhi.

In the first months following her return to power, the nation waited patiently as she and her 33-year-old son and confidant, Sanjay, laid the groundwork for the party's success in state elections.

Under the Indian system, the states are responsible for law and order and other key functions of government. She needed to control the states, she argued, before she could embark on a comprehensive program to cure the country's ills. But within three weeks of the elections that gave her control of most major states, Sanjay died in a plane crash. She went into mourning and the government, for all practical purposes, ceased to function.

For much of last summer, India drifted aimlessly as the police in several north Indian cities fought vainly to control an outbreak of Hindu-Muslim rioting. There were rumors in the press that Mrs. Gandhi had lost her will to govern, that she was ill and virtually incapacitated with grief.

With speculation at its peak, she suddenly appeared at a news conference last October, brimming with confidence and vitality. "The direction is clear," she said, but while her appearance quashed rumors of illness, few have been convinced by her words.

"She is active again, but there is a difference between activity and performance," a diplomat

said. "The country is still waiting for some decisive leadership."

Many observers believe that a key problem venting the emergence of this leadership and direction is Mrs. Gandhi's dominant style of which inhibits initiative even by her most able lieutenants. When she is unable to handle a problem personally, it often goes unattended. Also, generally acknowledged she has assembled on the weakest cabinets ever to serve an Indian prime minister.

Whatever the merit of her critics' remarks, of the problems Gandhi faced on assuming office still confront her. (LAT)

### Letter to the editor

Sir,  
 An ardent reader of Arab News, I was surprised to read recently in your newspaper the headline "Tigre fighters kill 90 Ethiopians."

Now, Tigre does not represent those engaged fighting the Ethiopian government, but stands one of the tribes in Eritrea. Therefore, it would have been more apt to say: "Tigre fighters, Tigre People's Liberation Front (TPLF) kill Ethiopians."

Tede Bey

## PALESTINIAN PRISONERS

Sincere congratulations are in order to the 52 American hostages who are now having their first taste of freedom after 444 days in unjustified captivity. Sincere congratulations also to their long suffering families, for whom the protracted nightmare is at last over.

The American government also must be the object of high appreciation for its unbounded humane concern with the physical wellbeing of its incarcerated nationals. The vast medical effort set up in Wiesbaden in West Germany will make sure that the released hostages will receive the minutest examination and the best treatment possible, if any of them were found to have incurred any physical or psychological damage through their ordeal.

Imprisonment without trial, whom the prisoner feels that he has become no more than a thing, an entity without rights as a human being, adds a terrible psychological burden to the hardships normally to be associated with prison. And it is this psychological pain which, even in the absence of outright physical pressure, causes most harm.

As the American officials organizing the medical "rescue" mission in Wiesbaden and the doctors who carry it must be acutely aware as they process their fellow citizens, there are other areas in the world in which countless thousands languish in jail, without trial and without rights, subjected to conditions of physical and psychological deprivation which are sometimes comparable, sometimes worse, than those which their charges have been subject to.

In the Arab world (let other parts of the world speak for themselves) the mind has to turn to thousands of Palestinians languishing in Israeli jails whose only crime is to voice opposition to Israeli theft of their homeland, their towns, villages and water resources, and of their right to a life of their own, to be led in the way they freely choose to lead it.

It is of course extravagant to hope that the great team assembled in Wiesbaden be directed to such areas where their skills are needed. But the thought still arises, and will not be easily persuaded to go away, since otherwise we would have to hold the doctrine that human suffering is easily and conveniently divisible.

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

The weekend newspapers mainly led with a report on the formation of a goodwill committee to go to Iran immediately to persuade the Iranian government to attend the Islamic summit conference. Some of them led with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's press conference in which he declared that the conference resolutions would reflect the hopes as aspirations of the Islamic nation. Meanwhile, Okaz led with U.S. President Reagan's reported statement that his administration would not commit itself to the accord on the hostages.

Newspaper frontpaged the arrival of the Gambian President in Jeddah — the first Islamic leader to arrive for participation in the Islamic summit conference. They also gave page one highlight to the congratulatory cables sent by King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd to President Reagan on his assumption of office at the White House. The nomination of King Khaled for the award of King Faisal International Prize for service to Islam was carried on the front pages of the newspapers which also said that the Faisal Prize for Islamic studies has been withheld this year since papers submitted did not conform to the required standard.

Newspaper editorials reiterated that the conference of the Islamic foreign ministers has carried out its obligations by approving the formation of political, social and economic committee. They expressed the belief that the topics approved by the conference would pave the way for the summit in map-

ping a practical strategy on peace, security and stability in the Islamic world. *Al-Jazirah* said in an editorial that the foreign ministers' conference has successfully given pointers toward the actual situation prevailing in the Islamic world. The paper highlighted the conference's stress on Islamic fraternity which derives its inspiration from divine principles. It also gave prominence to the conference's stance on the issue of Afghanistan and Jerusalem, and expressed the belief that the Mecca Declaration would be the most essential topic before the conference, as it is a significant Islamic document that would play its tangible role exactly as any document on international law plays in international relations.

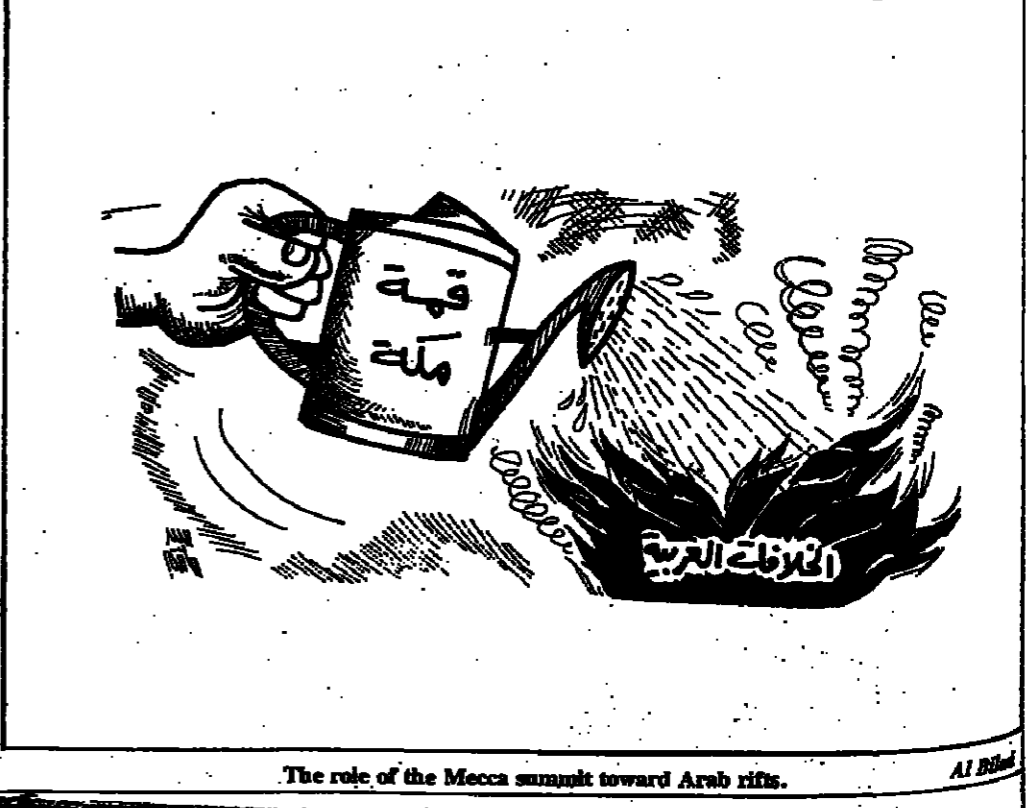
*Al-Riyadh* observed that a close proximity of views on Islamic unity and solidarity was the characteristic feature of the conference. It described the foreign ministers' resolution to send a committee to Iran as a "essential and fundamental", as it would provide opportunity for the discussion of the issue from all its aspects. The committee, it said, is an evidence of the conferees' belief in the need for clearing the atmosphere from dissensions and putting an end to bloodshed. The paper added that the agenda of the summit gives an idea of their importance, especially as regards Jerusalem, Palestine, Afghanistan and Lebanon.

On the same subject, *Okaz* noted that the foreign ministers' agreement on fundamental issues must provide a base for unified Islamic action. The paper reiterated that confrontation of world zionism

could be possible when the Muslim leaders take a united stance in their forthcoming meeting. In its view, if some barriers are placed in the way of colonialist forces, it would tend to change the balance of international dealings with the Arab and Islamic world. The paper remained optimistic over the outcome of the Islamic summit which it, hoped, would bring peace, security and stability in the Islamic world.

*Al-Madina* hoped Iran would not be absent from the summit and would respond favorably to the efforts of the four-party committee. It is only because the member states are keen on Iran's participation that they decided to send a committee to convince Iran on the need for its presence in the summit, so that it could be possible to mend the rift between the two warring Islamic states. The paper also expressed confidence that, if the resolutions of the foreign ministers' are implemented in letter and spirit, it would herald a new age in which the Muslim energies would be used for the service of their issues and for keeping the Islamic nation away from the arena of international tussle.

*Al-Bilad* described the outcome of the foreign ministers' conference as a natural reaction toward making Islam as the basic point of start for every Islamic action. The paper expressed the belief that the Islamic nation has already made good progress on the road to its unity and solidarity. But it also added that forces hostile to Islam have played a hectic role in trying to impose some kind of trusteeship on some Islamic states.



The role of the Mecca summit toward Arab rifts.

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# Will Nancy influence Reagan?

By William J. Drummond

WASHINGTON, — Nancy Reagan's stint as first lady is already off to a rocky start. Robin Orr, an Oakland Tribune Society editor who was named Mrs. Reagan's press secretary on Nov. 15, was relieved of her job less than a month later.

Orr was apparently held responsible for two major gaffes — Mrs. Reagan's disclosure on Dec. 10 that she keeps a "tiny little gun" by her bedside, and a reported comment three days later that the Carters should vacate the White House early so that the Reagans could redecorate. In dumping Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Reagan decided to look for somebody better able to help her navigate the treacherous media world of Washington.

Through her husband's political career, Nancy has been a powerful influence, and most likely will continue to be. She has involved herself in many ways, from tugging at Reagan's coat tails when he made a mistake to asking Johnny Carson to cut out the monologue jokes about her husband's hair color. She has also conducted a running battle with political adviser and former press secretary Lynn Nofziger.

Some Reagan staff members call Nancy "the iron butterfly." Her predecessors, Rosalynn Carter, was nicknamed "the steel magnolia" by some in the press. Many people are waiting to see whether Nancy tries to take

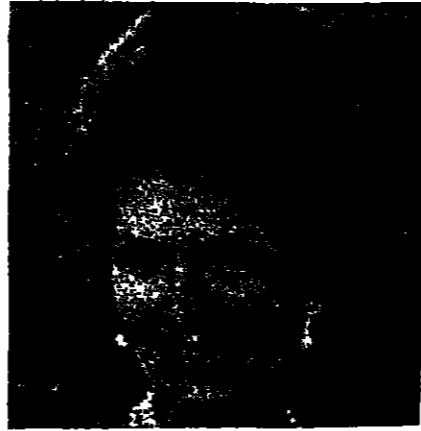
up where Rosalynn left off as a major power in the White House.

Under President Carter, the office of the first lady grew to 21 staff members and cost the government \$600,000 a year, according to White House sources. That is the largest staff effort ever assembled by a first lady in the 190-year history of the presidency. Nancy's staff is expected to be smaller.

But Nancy will not confine herself to being a strictly social-minded first lady. Because of Rosalynn's precedent, the job of first lady will never be the same. Rosalynn is an ambitious woman who involved herself in substantive domestic and international issues. By all accounts, she has been Carter's closest adviser over the last four years.

Of course, every president has the right to choose his own advisers, and it is nothing new for first ladies to enjoy influence. But Rosalynn, with the help of her staff, built the east wing of the White House — the first lady's domain — into something resembling an extraconstitutional office of government.

Rosalynn dropped in on cabinet meetings. Her \$62,675-a-year chief-of-staff, Kit Dobelle, was included in the highest councils of the White House, along with Hamilton Jordan, Jody Powell and Zbigniew Brzezinski. She had her own "projects director," who dealt with issues of national policy relating to mental health, aging and the equal rights amendment. She was the first lady to



testify before a committee of Congress.

And she deftly underscored her importance when she spoke, unconcernedly interchanging "I and we." This co-presidency might sound like a bargain — two for the price of one — but it was an experiment that should never be repeated.

In the case of Iran, Rosalynn's advice had horrendous consequences for the Carter presidency. The investigation into the Billy Carter-Libya connection determined that it was her idea to have Billy enlist the aid of the Libyan charge d'affaires in Washington to free the hostages.

If the advice of any ordinary White House advisor had brought the president to such

grief, that aide would probably have been fired. The problem with having the first lady as the president's top adviser is that there is no discipline for her — and virtually no way to control her influence.

The president's national-security and domestic-affairs advisers must make sure that the president receives balanced advice and a full range of views on issues. But, if she wants, a politically astute spouse will always have the last word.

"I don't say, 'do this' or 'do that,'" Rosalynn said in an interview last year. "I don't ever do that to him. We just have mutual respect for each other. We discuss the things we're doing."

But her discussions took place outside the checks and balances of the staffing system. The secretary of state was not there to give an opposing viewpoint, nor was the attorney general. It might have made a lot of difference in the Billy Carter case.

The weakness of employing Rosalynn as an extension of the president was most apparent in her role as envoy to Latin America.

Before taking office, Carter said he would send his wife "to Mexico or South America or to Africa, if there was a problem there, to let folks know we care about them and to bring back to me a report on what we should do to correct a mistake or strengthen an alliance or friendship." Beginning in May 1977 that's just what he did.

But Carter's plan failed to take into account the traditional machismo of Latin American leaders. They could not bring themselves to deal with a woman on important matters. Indeed, the only credentials that

Rosalynn had for her role as diplomat rather than the confidence of her husband, were some Spanish lessons and some State Department briefings.

"I would have with me a two-page summary of Jimmy's policy for Latin America," she said. She would read this to the Latin American officials. Then she would deliver her own message: "You know, I talk to them all and say, 'why don't you do like Costa Rica and not buy so many arms and then you could feed your children?'"

However, noble her intentions were, Rosalynn's phrasing had a native ring to it. And it is hard to imagine how a Latin American political leader could take the Carter policy seriously. Any other presidential envoy who made such remarks on a foreign mission quite likely would have been given the sack.

When Nancy settles in at the White House, she will set her own tone and style. Reagan respects her advice just as Carter listened to Rosalynn. And, behind the scenes, Nancy is likely to influence some aspects of policy.

# 'Star of Far East' shines from an island

By Jean Grant

DHAHRAN, — Singapore lies only 7 hours 40 minutes east of Saudi Arabia. At a distance of 6,400 kms from Dhahran, this star of the Far East, is not much farther from home than London. Saudi Arabians are vacationing in ever greater numbers on a tropical island known to be "clean, green and safe."

Two and a half million Singaporeans are squeezed on this tiny 226 square mile island.

Almost as many tourists have visited the island last year alone.

Queues move in a fast and orderly fashion through customs and immigration control at Singapore airport. While waiting for their luggage, tourists admire the small cascading fountain in the long arrival hall. Beautiful tropical fish swim in aquaria which line the walls.

Although Singapore is classified by the United Nations as a developing nation, it has the feel of a prosperous country. More than half of the population live in attractive high-rise buildings.

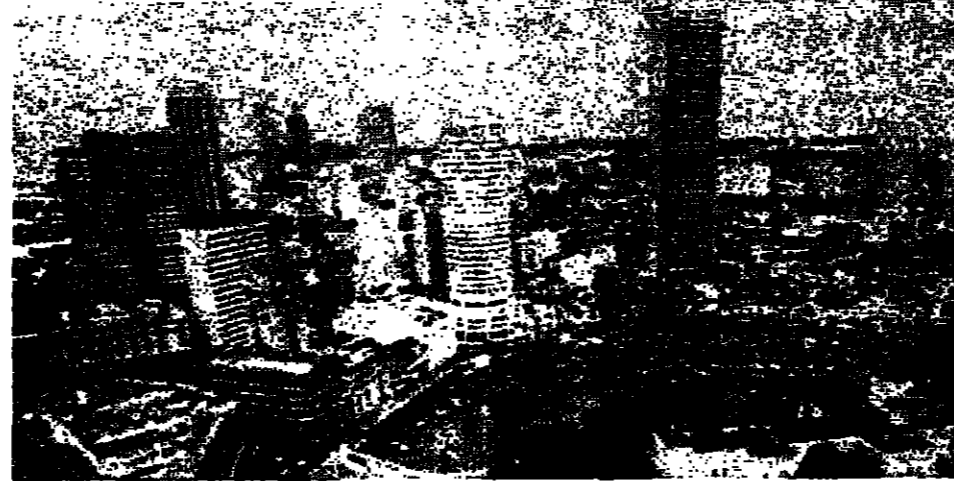
Most tourists find shopping irresistible since Singapore is a free port. One of the main shopping complexes is Lucky Plaza where shopping can be fun.

Forty per cent of Singapore's population is under 20. All of them speak English, Chinese and Malay. Rules of conduct are very strict in this city-state. Tourists too are required to follow the rules. Littering is subject to fines up to \$250; one must not smoke in public places (another \$250 fines); and men must keep their hair cut short — no fine for non-compliance here, but long-haired men are served last at all government offices. Everywhere signs proclaim the law. No jaywalking, no netting of birds in the parks nor any shooting of them with slingshots anywhere. Dogs nose the tourist buses entering Singapore

from neighboring Malaysia to sniff out drugs, and the penalty for drug peddling is death. 150,000 police are employed by the island to enforce the rules. Of this, 70,000 are plainclothesmen: the citizen knows he may be under surveillance even when he isn't aware of it. Such measures foster security for a multi-racial population of Chinese, Malays, and Indians as well as tourists.

After a hectic morning of bargaining, visitors often head for gardens to while away the hot humid afternoon; it takes a lot of heat and

humidity for Singapore's famous orchids to flourish. Many of the perhaps are the Tiger Balm Gardens, where their bizarre figures of Chinese mythology in the Japanese Garden in Jurong, tranquility can be found amidst the greenery, streams, and stone lanterns. At the near-by Chinese Garden, landscaping is based on the style of Peking's Summer Palace. Few families have their own patch of land, so the parks, whether they be the Orchid Gardens of the Jurong Bird Park, are always thronged by crowds.



VIEW: an aerial view of Singapore

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## Worldwide appeals heeded

## South Korea spares Kim's life

SEOUL, Jan. 23 (Agencies) — The South Korean Cabinet Friday commuted the death penalty imposed on opposition leader Kim Dae-jung to life imprisonment only hours after the Supreme Court had upheld the sentence. Information Minister Lee Kwang-pyo announced that President Chun Doo-hwan called a special session of the State Council (cabinet) Friday, soon after the Supreme Court ruling, to study the sentence first imposed by a military court for sedition charges. President Chun Doo-hwan is expected to approve the resolution.

The state council concluded that it was appropriate from the standpoint of national reconciliation to grant commutations to Kim and others convicted in the case, Lee said. Kim, a former presidential candidate and outspoken critic of the regime of the late President Park Chung-hee, was sentenced to death by a military court September 17 on sedition charges. Eleven of his co-defendants were jailed for terms ranging from seven to 20 years. These will now be reduced to from five to 15 years, the government spokesman said.

Among them are Lee Mun-yong, a law professor at Korea University who had his 20-year sentence reduced to 15 years, and Mun Ik-hwan, a Presbyterian pastor, who will serve 10 years instead of 15.

The sentences had brought worldwide protests, and appeals from a number of governments, including the United States and Japan, for Kim's life to be spared. These appeals were one of the factors considered at today's cabinet session. Lee said. At the meeting, President Chun reminded ministers that Kim had been found guilty of breaking the country's laws, especially by forming an anti-state organization and conspiring for insurrection.

The government said it also wished to end



Kim Dae-jung

what it called the confrontation-dominated political situation of the 1970's. Kim was also said to have submitted a petition expressing repentance for endangering national security, apologizing to the people and appealing for magnanimity and generous consideration for himself and the others.

Kim Dae-jung has led a turbulent political life in the last 10 years, suffering abduction, persecution, imprisonment and finally a life sentence. He was condemned as reactionary by invading North Koreans 30 years ago, but for a decade Kim has remained a symbol of opposition to repressive dictatorships in Seoul. "I am not a Communist, but a liberal democrat believing firmly that a true democracy can only prevail over North Korean communism," the devoutly Catholic Kim insisted in court.

Kim was born 54 years ago in the southwestern province of Colla and went to a local

commercial high school. When South Korea was liberated from Japanese colonial rule in 1945, the young Kim took a brief plunge into left-wing politics before shifting to the right wing two years later.

After the overthrow of the Syngman Rhee regime in 1960, Kim jumped into politics in earnest, winning election to the national assembly four times consecutively as an opposition conservative. He was also a prominent figure at demonstrations, hunger strikes and other protests. A shrewdly calculating politician and strong campaigner, Kim was chosen opposition presidential candidate in 1971 and managed to poll 46 per cent of the popular vote in a heated race against Park.

Kim fled to Japan and the United States to vigorously lobby against the Park regime, forming an organization called the Han-Min-Tong (National Council for Korea's Democratic Restoration and National Unification). But before he could launch the group, he was kidnapped by South Korean agents August 1973 from a Tokyo hotel in an episode that read like a chapter out of a James Bond thriller. After the abduction in broad daylight, he was spirited out of Japan in a speedboat and five days later deposited, bound and gagged, on the doorstep of his modest home in Seoul. He later said he might have been dumped into the sea had it not been for timely intervention by Washington.

Four months after Park's assassination October 1979, Kim was given back his civil rights in a sweeping amnesty and he eagerly geared up for a new opportunity to win power in a general election. But his hopes were dashed when he was thrown into jail as one of the first steps taken by the army generals who took over after the bloody student uprising in May.

He was sentenced to death by a military court September 17, 1980.



Chun Doo-hwan

## Reagan invites Chun for talks

SEOUL, Jan. 23 (R) — President Ronald Reagan's invitation to South Korea's President Chun Doo-hwan for talks in Washington February 2 will boost the Korean leader's image both at home and abroad. The 50-year-old former general's visit, which was announced by a White House spokesman in Washington Wednesday comes only two days after President Reagan's inauguration.

It will be regarded as the U.S. administration's stamp of approval for President Chun's rise to power and its backing for his bid for a further seven-year term as head of state in the February 25 presidential elections. Reagan seems determined to erase the legacy of the Carter administration's relations with South Korea, which became strained over human rights, and to cement closer ties with the group around Chun that emerged after the assassination of President Park Chung-hee by his security chief October 1979. Washington's message to North Korea and its allies appears to be that there will be no weakening of the U.S.-Korea defense alliance.

President Reagan has said his government would not turn away from a country because it did not totally agree with the American concept of human rights. But the Carter administration had warned South Korean leaders that they would be wrong to assume that President Reagan would not be concerned with their human rights record.

## Martial law to go

SEOUL, Jan. 23 (AP) — President Chun Doo-hwan will Saturday lift martial law, which has been in force since Oct. 26, 1979, when President Park Chung-hee was assassinated, informed sources said Friday. The martial law decree will come to an end at midnight to provide a "free atmosphere" for the presidential elections set for next month, the sources said.

The original martial law decree was intended to cover the entire nation last May 17 following a series of violent anti-government demonstrations in Seoul and many provincial cities.

## Campaign for jobs

## 40 blind demonstrators arrested in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23 (AFP) — Police Friday arrested 40 blind men as they attempted to block train movements here to back demands for jobs and financial help for India's 9.2 million blind people. Hundreds of blind men squatted on the railway track at two different places as a part of their protest campaign. Many of those arrested were carried to waiting police vans. Onlookers jeered police as they dragged the blindmen along the muddy road, eyewitnesses said.

Only 10,000 of India's blind people receive the government aid of \$23 per month. About two million blind people in the country have so far taken to begging as they could not find any other way to support themselves, a leader of the protest action said.

Meanwhile, a government spokesman advised a BBC television team Wednesday

not to report on a police blinding scandal in the northern state of Bihar. "I told them that there has been enough negative publicity about this and I would advise them not to go to Bhagalpur," spokesman J.N. Dixit told a reporter.

A BBC crew member said his team had dropped plans to visit Bhagalpur, where the blinding occurred, after the meeting with Dixit. However, "we plan to make other films of India and we are still discussing it (Bhagalpur) with the government," he added.

The blinding, first reported last November, had shocked many Indians. The victims, all prisoners, said policemen first punctured their eyes with needles and later doused them with sulfuric acid. Local police say the men were blinded by villagers outraged by a crime wave in the region.

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## Suzuki's tour pleases ASEAN countries

BANGKOK, Jan. 23 (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki's first foreign tour has ended with applause over clear-cut political, diplomatic and development commitments for non-Communist southeast Asia. But he left some lingering concern over bilateral economic problems.

Suzuki rounded off his 12-day tour of the five members countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) with a ringing endorsement in Bangkok of the grouping's achievements and affirmation of Japan's solid support for its stand on the region's most sensitive problem — Vietnam's estimated 200,000 troops in Kampuchea. In a speech here Monday he pleased his ASEAN hosts by forcefully calling on Vietnam to withdraw its forces from Kampuchea and attend a conference to seek a political solution — a call already rejected by Hanoi.

Suzuki assured the five ASEAN countries — Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand — that friendship with them was the cornerstone of Japan's foreign policy and he reiterated Tokyo's pledge never to become a military power. While Suzuki did not discuss bilateral economic problems, he stressed Japan's desire to provide economic cooperation in the fields of agriculture, energy, development of human resources and promotion of small and medium-sized enterprises.

Suzuki started his ASEAN tour in Manila where he announced a \$100 million scheme to set up human resource development centers in each of the ASEAN capitals, as well as a new loan of \$210 million for the Philippines itself. His expressed concern for improvement in social standards and food supplies for the peoples of ASEAN offset some of the

Philippine complaints about high Japanese import tariffs and immigration restrictions.

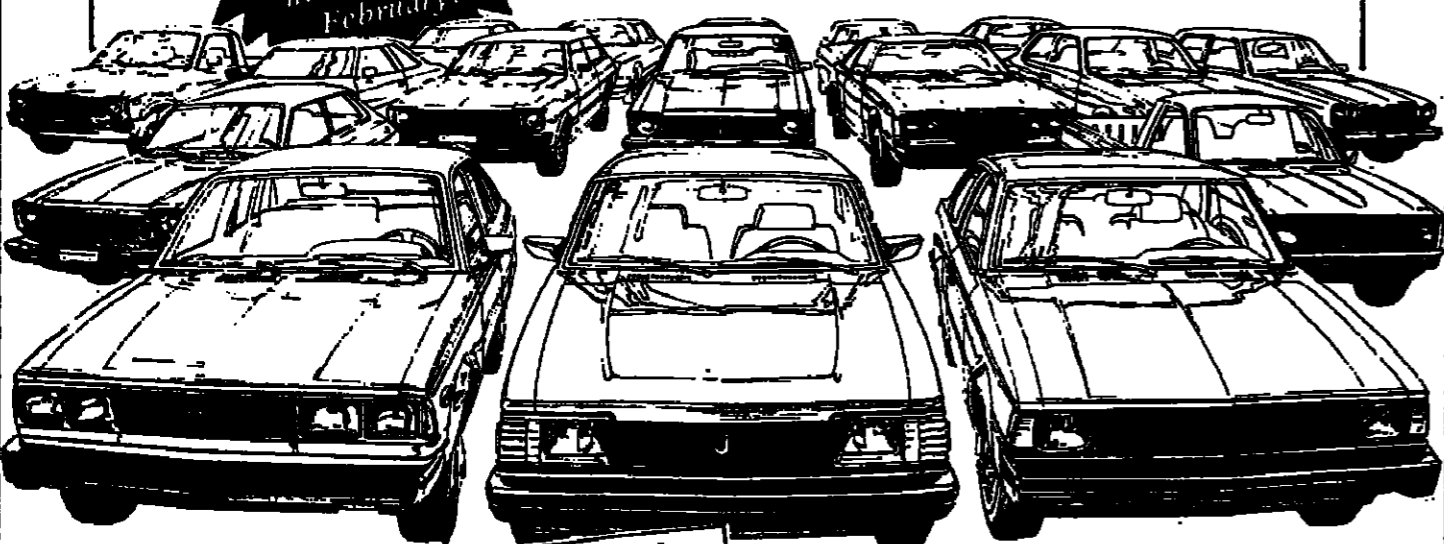
Newspaper editorials and officials praised Suzuki for making his first overseas tour to ASEAN nations, but they expressed concern about Japanese economic dominance in Indonesia, where Japan has its single biggest foreign investment outside the United States. His promise to do more for human resource development and small and medium-scale industry is of great importance to Indonesia.

Suzuki's visit provided Singapore leaders with an opportunity to discuss directly Japan's international security role, official sources said. They say Singapore was not totally satisfied with Japan's argument that it could not make a military contribution to international security because of its constitution.

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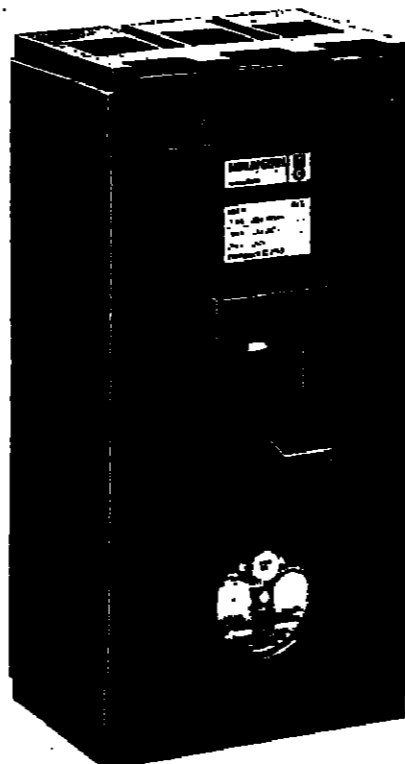
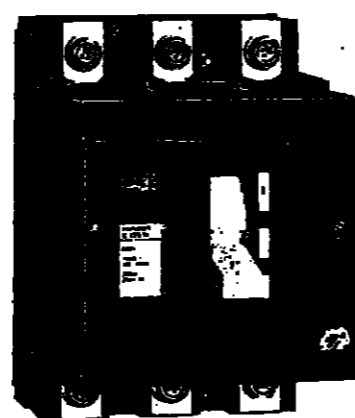
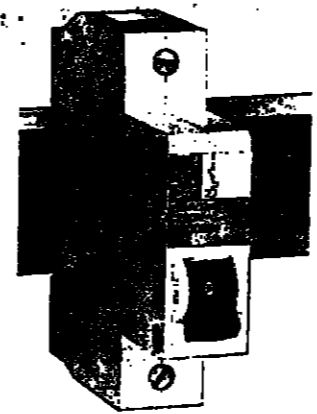
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Secretary of state sworn in

Haig vows to execute mandate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP) — Alexander M. Haig Jr. was sworn in Thursday as Secretary of State and pledged to carry out President Ronald Reagan's mandate that he be responsible for the formulation, command and participation of American foreign policy.



Alexander M. Haig Jr. "By that I mean the delegation of the general managership if you will, for the formulation, the conduct and, indeed, the articulation of American foreign policy to the Congress, the American people and, indeed, to the world at large. I want you to know that I intend to carry out that mandate while I am secretary of state."

Haig, whose appointment was confirmed Wednesday by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was sworn in by a notary less than 48 hours after the new administration took office. Acting State Department spokesman William Dyess said the early swearing-in was designed to provide continuity between the two administrations. A public swearing-in will be held later, Dyess said. Haig said the three ingredients for a successful foreign policy are "consistency, reliability and balance." He said the American public need not be "self-conscious about forceful effective adherence" to a consistent foreign policy, one which reflects the fundamental values of the American democratic system.

Blood drug may prevent spread of cancer, study says

CONCORD, New Hampshire, Jan. 23 (AP) — A drug long used to slow blood clotting also may prevent the spread of at least one type of cancer, according to a medical expert who is concluding a five-year study in substance. The drug, Warfarin, appeared to more than triple the average life expectancy of patients suffering from so-called "small-cell" lung cancer, according to Dr. Leo Zacharski, an associate professor at Dartmouth College Medical School. Small-cell cancer victims generally have responded poorly to surgery.

For a long time there has been a suspicion that the clotting mechanism has something to do with the spread of cancer, Zacharski said Wednesday. "What we have is the first good study that gives this some validity." He said tests on patients with other types of cancer are not complete. Zacharski said his study would be published in February. A total of 437 hospital patients in eight hospitals were involved in the study. "What we have is a foot in the door," he said. "We have an insight that needs to be tested in a variety of cancers."

Space agency officials said. No one was hurt. National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesmen said the damage "considerable" but had not been assessed. The rocket was being prepared for a satellite launch on March 12 when the mishap, the first of its type in NASA history, occurred. The incident had no connection with the reusable space shuttle, which is scheduled for its first launch on March 17 in another pad.

Idi Amin's aide sentenced to death

KAMPALA, Jan. 23 (AFP) — Kassim Obara, police chief in Uganda under Idi Amin, was sentenced to death for murder by high court here Thursday. Obara, who led both the conventional police force in Uganda and the secret police, is the first official who served under Amin to be sentenced to death for crimes committed under the eight-year rule. Several hundred other top officials of the Amin regime are now in detention awaiting trial, police sources said. Among them is the Irish-born former aide of Idi Amin, Bob Les. Obara, 52, was convicted of the murder of mpala businessman Samson Dungu on

Nov. 23, 1973, at the headquarters of the so-called Public Safety Unit, one of Amin's murder squads, which was based at Naguru, in the capital. At that time, Obara was second-in-command of the unit's dreaded secret police headquarters where he used to boast: "My whip is the lawyer, my gun the judge, and I am god". He had pleaded not guilty to the murder charge, and has few days in which to appeal against the sentence. Obara was charged together with another man named Toweli who was not in court and is believed to be in exile in neighboring Zaire. He commanded the Public Safety Unit at the time Dungu was killed.



NEWSPAPERS SILENCED: Joe Latakagomo, acting editor of Post, Johannesburg, stands outside the offices of the paper, effectively banned by the South African Government Tuesday. He is holding the last editions of Post and Sunday Post which appeared on the street at the end of October last year.

On Namibia OAU to demand special U.N. session

ARUSHA, Tanzania, Jan. 23 (R) — The OAU Liberation Committee has decided to call for a special session of the U.N. General Assembly to discuss Namibia following the failure of peace talks on the territory, an OAU spokesman has said. In another development the U.S. Senate moved rapidly Thursday toward confirming the rest of President Reagan's cabinet, including the controversial nomination of James G. Watt to head the Interior Department, who won approval by an 83-12 vote. In other votes Thursday, the Senate approved the appointments of Reagan's attorney general and his secretaries of agriculture, commerce, housing and urban development, and transportation.

Canada, France, West Germany and the United States. According to the spokesman the committee felt the group had not exerted enough pressure on South Africa "mainly due to their vested interests in that country." The five countries have been mediating between Angolan-based South West African Peoples' Organization (SWAPO) guerrillas and Pretoria to try to bring about a ceasefire, internationally-supervised elections and independence of the territory. Peace talks in Geneva ended in deadlock on Jan. 14 when South Africa and allied

internal Namibia parties failed to agree with SWAPO on a ceasefire in the guerrilla war and on the implementation of the U.N.-backed independence plan. Delegates sources said the west African group, led by Nigeria and Cameroun, had taken a strong stand in this week's session, arguing that its West should be forced to make a choice between black and white Africa. Other delegates said, however, that it was impractical to ask the West to cut all links with South Africa when a number of African states had actually been increasing their trade links with the republic.

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# Reagan orders cut in federal spending

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (R) — Newly installed President Ronald Reagan has ordered cuts in government spending worth an estimated \$300 million and set Vice-President George Bush the task of slashing federal regulations.

Reagan told reporters Thursday that he had appointed Bush as head of a special task force whose job would be to review thousands of federal regulations.

“Our goal is to see a reduction in the total number of regulations,” he said, adding that too many government rules discouraged industrial productivity. White House press spokesman James Brady said Reagan had also met his economic advisory group. They had discussed plans to cut regulations covering petrol and oil.

David Stockman, Reagan's designated

head of the office of management and budget, has said the administration would soon remove price controls on petrol and crude oil.

In a memorandum signed Thursday, Reagan ordered travel by federal officials to be cut by 15 per cent and the use of outside management consultants to be reduced by five per cent. He also ordered a halt in the purchase of new furniture and equipment, excepting only what was needed for the military and to protect human life.

Later, Brady said these actions would save an estimated \$300 million. The president ordered his department heads to set an example by not redecorating their offices. But Brady said the directive would not prevent Mrs. Reagan from redecorating the White House.

“I think there is a difference between where you work and where you live,” he said.

### BRIEFS

OTTAWA, (AFP) — Canada exported Canadian \$39,10,000 worth of goods to Iran last year despite the Western embargo against a 1979 figure of \$22,400,000, the commerce department said Friday here. This trade was in food and pharmaceuticals which were excluded from the embargo.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — First Philadelphia Bank, rescued last spring with a \$500 million loan, announced a 1980 loss of \$164,100,000. The bank, founded in 1782, which makes it the oldest in the U.S., recently liquidated many assets under a reorganization plan.

SINGAPORE, (AFP) — Visa International, a credit card organization, looks like

choosing Singapore as its base for Asia-Pacific operations, business sources have said.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The International Finance Corporation (IFC), an affiliate of the World Bank, has said that it is co-financing its first project in Somalia. This will be a \$1.5 million venture for construction of a bulk terminal and handling facilities to export 21,000 metric tons a year of molasses.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has announced that Packages Limited, a leading Pakistan package manufacturing company, will undertake a \$9.8 million expansion project.

# Over pay dispute EEC staff goes on strike

BRUSSELS, Jan. 23 (R) — Most of the European Common Market commission's 8,000 civil servants have gone on strike for more pay and the commission decided to take EEC ministers to court over the dispute.

The strike was in protest against a one per cent pay rise for 1981 offered by the EEC council of ministers. A commission spokesman said the salary proposals were in breach of a 1976 EEC agreement guaranteeing staff annual pay increases that matched the rise in the cost of living.

The 14 commissioners, meeting under new Commission President Gaston Thorn, decided that the matter could only be resolved by the European Court of Justice, the spokesman said.

In line with the 1976 agreement between ministers and EEC staff, the commission had been seeking a 3.3 per cent rise for 1981. A union official said the staff would decide on further action next week.

There are some 15,000 civil servants working for the EEC who are affected by the ministers' pay offer. These include employees at the EEC council, the European parliament and the board of auditors. The staff of 1,500 at the council have been staging intermittent two-hour strikes and refusing overtime in protest against the salary proposals.

Apart from the salary issue, the commission staff have been angered by the ministers' announcement of plans to reserve certain posts for national civil servants to come to Brussels on temporary assignment.

They have also been upset by proposals to reduce their incomes by up to 30 per cent over three years to bring them into line with national civil service salaries. EEC civil servants, who earn at least \$60,000 a year, have been persistently attacked in the press which describes their salaries as inflated.

# Zambian police clash with striking miners

LUSAKA, Jan. 23 (AP) — Police in riot gear were called in to quell disturbances Thursday among striking miners in the copperbelt town of Kitwe in the north of the country, according to reports reaching here Friday.

The strike by more than 5,000 miners, now in its third day, has halted production of copper and cobalt at Majit mines run by Roan Consolidated Mines (RCM) and Nchanga Consolidated Copper Mines (NCCM).

Authorities said riot police were deployed at NCCM's Rokana mine at Kitwe, about 360 kilometers north of Lusaka, when mobs of picketers hurled stones at people and vehicles trying to enter mine facilities.

They said the strikers stoned mine offices, private vehicles and an official of Zambia's ruling United National Independence Party (UNIP). The official and a policeman were treated for minor injuries at a local hospital and released, authorities said.

The strike has spread to all copper and cobalt mines in the copperbelt region, except for NCCM's Kabwe zinc and lead mine in the central province and Maamba coal mine in the southern province, mine officials said.

Copper and cobalt production has been stopped at Roan Consolidated Mines at Lushanpa, Mufulira, Ndola copper mines, Chilubama and Chambishi, according to reports reaching here. At NCCM's operations, production was halted at Rokana, Chingola and Konkola.

Essential workers and expatriate miners were making installations at all the mines, but there was some speculation that even they would not report for work if further violence erupted.

# Thailand increases oil prices to match global market costs

By Edward Thangkara  
Arab News Correspondent

BANGKOK, Jan. 23 — Thailand has raised the domestic prices of oil and oil products between 7.37 per cent and 25 per cent. The long expected decision Wednesday also pushed up prices of cooking gas and asphalt. The government here announced that the move was to match the retail costs of fuel in the international market and help erase off a deficit of \$183.5 million incurred as a result of subsidizing oil prices during the past 18 months.

The two most important fuels, premium gasoline and high speed diesel, recorded respective increases of 21.43 and 13 per cent. Kerosene was at the lowest rung of the ladder, up by 7.37 per cent and fuel oil, 25 per cent. Asphalt, had the highest increase of 27.40 per cent.

Thai Prime Minister Gen. Prem Tinsulanonda, meanwhile, ordered all oil companies to handover the surplus money from sale of old stocks to offset the subsidy deficit.

Meanwhile, the Tinsulanonda government has a severe jolt Wednesday when its Commerce Minister Tanchai Kambhato resigned to devote fulltime to his job as managing director of the state-owned Krung Thai Bank. Described as a hard-working man Kambhato had been at the butt end criticism by the opposition and the press. Political observers here hint that there could be a cabinet reshuffle soon.

# For first quarter Kingdom expected to keep oil production

A high-ranking American oil executive, said Saudi Arabia has indicated “there won't be any dramatic changes” in oil-production policies through March. The newspaper *Platt's Oilgram News*, meanwhile, reported sources close to the Saudi Arabian oil ministry in Riyadh said the country “will probably continue high production levels into the second quarter and will maintain them for an unspecified period” after any cease-fire agreement is reached between Iran and Iraq.

But Saudi Arabia is “understood to be planned to eventually phase down its production levels” if exports from Iran and Iraq increase, the newspaper said.

According to the oil executive, Iran now is exporting as much as one million barrels of oil a day, although war damage to its refineries has forced it to import 250,000 barrels of oil products daily. While Iran's exports apparently are running at their pre-war level, daily oil exports from Iraq are said to have dropped to 150,000 barrels or less from about three million barrels.

# Chrysler cancels closure of 3 assembly plants

DETROIT, Jan. 23 (R) — The Chrysler Corporation has said that because of improved car sales it had cancelled the proposed temporary closure of three car assembly plants.

The company said two plants, one in Newark, Delaware, and one in Detroit, would not shut down next week as originally planned, but will still close in the week beginning Feb. 2. The Newark plant employs 4,400 workers and the Jefferson Avenue plant here employs 4,100.

The plants are to produce the new line of compact “K Cars” under the Plymouth Reliant and Dodge Aries nameplates.

Chrysler also said it had cancelled a scheduled temporary closure at its Belvidere, Illinois, plant because of increased sales of the sub-compact Omni and Horizon cars.

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Dutch Guilder (100)	152.00		154.34
Egyptian Pound		4.40	4.43
Emirates Dirham (100)		91.00	90.80
French Franc (100)	71.00	73.25	72.60
Greek Drachma (1,000)		72.25	73.90
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Iranian Ryal (100)			
Iraqi Dinar		8.25	
Italian Lira (10,000)	34.00	36.00	35.50
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.60		16.95
Jordanian Dinar		10.84	10.77
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.32	12.33
Lebanese Lira (100)		89.80	89.50
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Philippines Peso (100)			44.50
Pound Sterling	8.05	8.12	8.11
Qatari Ryal (100)		91.80	91.70
Singapore Dollar			1.61
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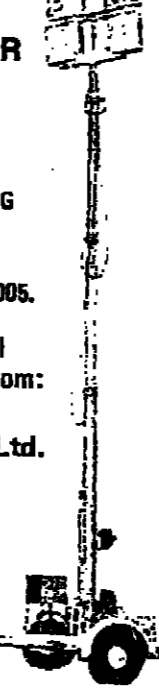
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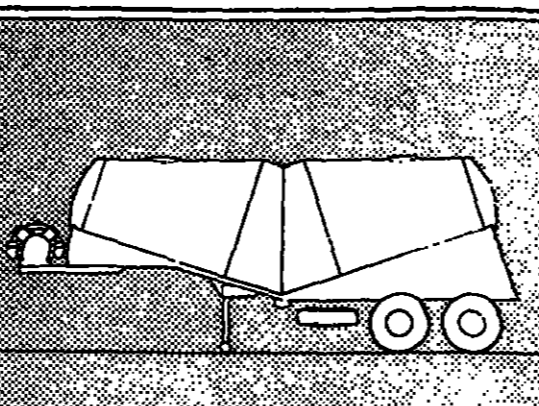
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# Boston Celtics keep winning sequence

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AP) — The Boston Celtics have won 10 games in a row, and they've done it with defense. The Celtics contained Uta's high-scoring duo of Adrian Dantley and Darrell Griffith and breezed past the Jazz 117-87 Wednesday night. The Celtics have held their opponents under 100 points in five of the last six games and 12 of the last 23.

## Unseeded Jinnai whips Verawaty

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (AP) — Indonesia's world champion Rudy Hartono and Denmark's Morten Frost Hansen advanced to the men's singles semi-finals while India's Prakash Padukone and Denmark's Flemming Delfs were eliminated on the opening day of the 1981 Japan Open Badminton Championship Friday.

Unseeded Kurniawan of Indonesia, who upset top-seeded Delfs and another Indonesian Luis Pongoh, who whipped reigning all-England champion and fourth-seeded Padukone also moved into the semi-finals.

Probably the biggest upset of the day was the defeat of world champion Wiharjo Verawaty of Indonesia, who lost to a 16-year-old Japanese high school student, Kimiko Jinnai 11-1, 11-5.

Hartono advanced into the four-man contest by defeating Koji Gondo of Japan 15-2, 15-0 in the second round and Kevin Jolly of Britain, 15-3, 15-5, in the quarter-finals. Hansen, who had a first round bye, beat Liu Hon-Kah, of Taiwan, 15-4, 15-5, in the second round and Thomas Kihlstrom of Sweden 13-15, 15-10, 15-5, in the quarter-finals.

Both Delfs and Pakukone, who drew first round byes, won their second round matches. Delfs, 1980 European champion, eliminated Thailand's Akraporn Sratanakul 15-1, 9-15, 18-16 and Padukone, the first Indian to win an all-England badminton title, downed Stefi Karison of Sweden 15-3, 15-3. The Dane and the Indian were rated top favorites to win the singles title by local badminton experts.

## Hungary advances

BUDAPAST, Jan. 23 — Hungary beat Britain 2-1 in the King's Cup men's European Indoor Tennis Championship here Thursday.

Other results: In Helsinki, Germany beat Finland 3-0; in Chrudin, Czechoslovakia beat Austria 3-0; and USSR beat Sweden 3-0 in Moscow.

was limited to 19 points and Griffith, the highest-scoring rookie in the league with a 21.0 average, managed just one basket in the game. Griffith made good on just one of nine field goal attempts by Boston.

Utah led 16-14 before the Celtics ran off 13 points in a row to take command. Boston led 62-48 at halftime and by as many as 30 points in the fourth quarter.

Philadelphia 76ers 118, Indiana Pacers 104: Philadelphia, back from a 83-75 loss to Detroit Tuesday night, went ahead to stay after 23 minutes and coasted past the Pacers. Julius Erving led the 76ers with 31 points, including 17 in the third quarter while former sixer George McGinnis was for scorer for Indiana with 8 points.

Los Angeles Lakers 116, Atlanta Hawks 106: guard norm Nixon got eight of his 20 points in the final seven minutes as the Lakers outscored Atlanta 23-13 to pull away from a 93-93 tie. Jamaal Wilkes topped the Lakers with 20 points while rookie forward Craig Shelton scored 22 for the Hawks.

Milwaukee Bucks 105, Golden State Warriors 98: junior big man scored nine of Milwaukee's final 16 points as Milwaukee erased a five-point deficit with 3:42 remaining. Bridgeman finished with 29 points 18 of them in the second half.

Kansas City 115, San Antonio Spurs 108: Phil Ford scored a season-high 32 points for the kings, who led most of the way. San Antonio closed to 97-95 with 1:21 to play, but Kansas City outscored the Spurs 8-3 the rest of the match.

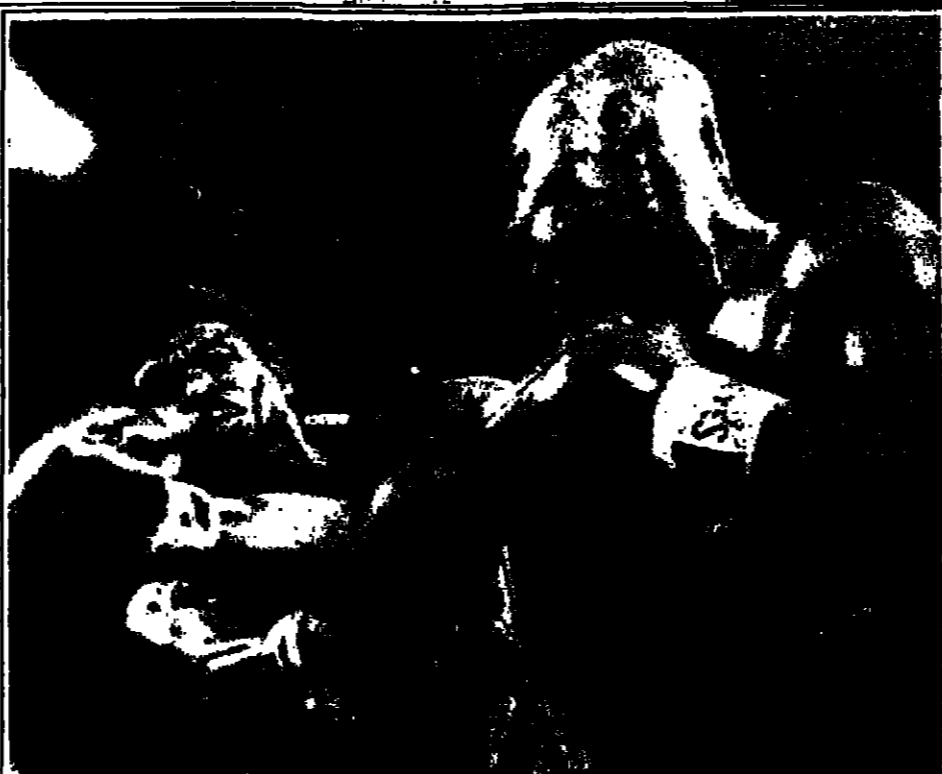
Maccabi Tel Aviv of Israel scored their third win in four matches in the semi-final pool of the European Men's Champions Cup Basketball Championship by beating Bosna Sarajevo of Yugoslavia 97-86.

In the battle between two former title holders, Maccabi were led by American Earl Williams with 29 points and Mickey Berkowitz with 25.

Maccabi began strongly against a strangely tentative Bosna side and opened a 22-14 lead after just seven minutes, but Bosna counter attacked and were in front 38-36 another seven minutes later.

The Yugoslavs had a slight advantage for the rest of the half though Maccabi managed to equalise 53-51 at the interval. But Bosna lacked the strength to contain the Israelis in the second half and Maccabi gradually moved in front, leading by five points a minute from the end and pouring in three more baskets as the Yugoslavs became desperate in the final seconds.

The victory left Maccabi as the team most likely to challenge Siudne Bologna of Italy for the title. The Italian side are unbeaten in four matches.



WELL DUCKED: Venezuela's Flaganco neatly evades a right from American Marvin Hagler in the first round of the World Middleweight Boxing Championship on Saturday. Hagler won the bout when the referee stopped the fight in the eighth round.

## Manson makes last eight Kirmayr surprises Dibbs

GUARUIA, Brazil, Jan. 23 (AP) — Brazil's Carlos Kirmayr surprised American Eddie Dibbs, trouncing him 6-3, 6-3 Thursday in the quarter-finals of the \$75,000 Hollywood Tennis Classic here in this seaside resort in south eastern Brazil.

Dibbs was considered a tournament favorite. Kirmayr will meet Romania's Ilie Nastase in the semi-finals. In the other match, Nastase beat Spain's Angel Gimenez 7-5, 7-5. In doubles matches Debliecker and Christophe Freyss, France, beat the U.S. team of Hank Pfister and Bill Scanlon 6-4, 7-5. Australia's Paul Krook and David Carter beat the American brothers, Charles and Morris Strode, 6-1, 7-6, (7-3); Brazil's Marcos Hooever and Jao Soares defeated Mario Martinez of Bolivia, and Enesto Ruiz Bry, of Argentina, 7-5, 6-1; Spain's Alexandro Cortez and Jose Lopes Maeso squeaked by Brazil's Kirmayr and Casio Moita 5-7, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-4), and Ney Keller, Brazil, with Pablo Arrayo, Peru, beat Spain's Gabriel urpe and Jose Higuera 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Bruce Manson of the United States advanced to the quarter-finals of the Monterey Tennis Cup, beating fellow American Burch Waltz 8-6, 5-7, 7-5 Wednesday. Manson had upset Guillermo Vilas of Argentina in the first round of the \$35,000 indoor event.

In other matches Wednesday, Vijay Amritraj of India downed John McDonald of the United States 6-1, 6-2, and Pascal Porte of France beat Nick Saviano of the United States 6-2, 6-4.

In Switzerland, French tennis player Yannick Noah defeated Roscoe Tanner of the United States in his final group match in the Lucerne Invitation Tournament. Noah won 7-6, 6-3, while Heinz Guenthardt of Switzerland beat Dutchman Tom Okker, 6-4, 7-5 in the other group.

Success hasn't had time even to try to spoil Hana Mandlikova. The 18-year-old Czechoslovakia tennis star breezed through the second round Wednesday of the Avon Women's Tennis Championship in Cincinnati, then said she was enjoying the media attention to her sudden prominence in the sport.

"It's very hard to get a name in the U.S. because it's a very big country", she said. "I think the American people are starting a little bit to know me." "I think everybody needs to be a little bit private, but I like it (the attention)."

Mandlikova and two other seeded players in the \$150,000 tournament, No. 4 Virginia Ruzic and No. 6 Sylvia Hanika, advanced to the third round with victories.

Mandlikova, seeded second behind Martina Navratilova, put on the best display of tennis prowess, combining crisp ground strokes with deadly passing shots to dominate Stacy Margolin of Beverly Hills, Calif. 6-0, 6-4.

## In Phoenix Open Golf Graham shares top spot

PHOENIX, Arizona, Jan. 23 (AP) — Australian David Graham shot a 6-under-par 65 Thursday in his first competitive round of the year and tied Larry Nelson for the 18-hole lead in the \$300,000 Phoenix Open Golf Tournament.

Graham, a former PGA national champion, ripped the front side at the Phoenix Country Club course in 5-under-par 31 and didn't have a bogey on the flat little course that, as usual, yielded some extremely low scores.

"You expect low scores this week," Graham said. "The course is in excellent condition. It's a short golf course. And if you keep it in the fairway you can shoot some low numbers."

Nelson once had the lead alone but some erratic putting dropped him back into a tie for the top spot. He missed a 5-foot par-saving putt on the 14th hole and failed on birdie attempts from eight feet or less of the 16th and 17th.

Jim Nelford, a left-handed putter who teamed with Dan Hallidson to win the World Cup for Canada, veteran Bobby Nichols and John Schroeder were a single shot off the lead with 66's.

Schroeder, who started play from the 10th tee, scored consecutive eagle-3's on the 18th and first holes. He reached the 18th with a 3-wood second shot and dropped a 30-foot putt.

The big group at 67, two shots back, included George Cadle, Gibby Gilbert, George Burns, Mike McCullough, John Adams, Jim Thorpe, Keith Fergus, Bob Gilder, Scott Simpson, Dan Fohl, Mark Lye and Bob Pancratz.

## Christiansen takes lead

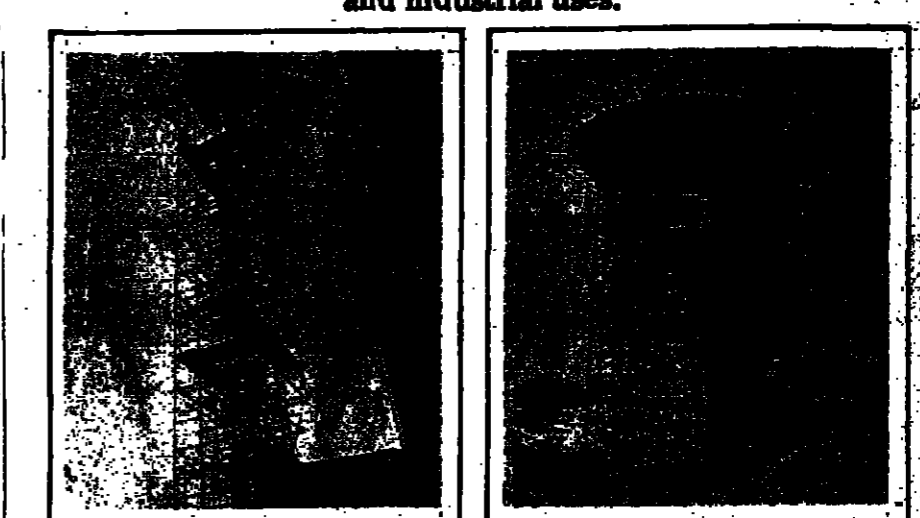
LINARES, Spain, Jan. 23 (AP) — American Larry Christiansen led the standing of the International "Linares City" Chess Tournament after the fifth round played here Thursday.

Christiansen beat Lajos Portisch, Hungary, in 31 moves.

Antonio Quinteros, Argentina, beat Guillermo Garcia, Cuba, in 39 moves; Zoltan Ribli, Hungary, beat Larsen, Denmark, in 38 moves; Juan Manuel Belloin, Spain, beat Svetozar Gligoric, Yugoslavia, in 31 moves; Boris Spassky, Soviet Union, and Lubomir Kavalek, U.S., drew in 21 moves.

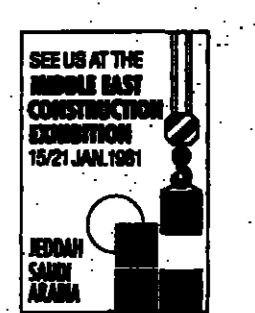
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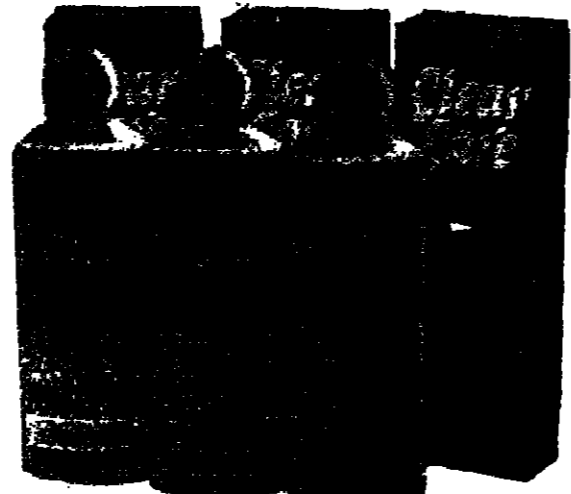
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Sparkling ton by Graeme Wood

# Australians flog Indian attack

ADELAIDE, Jan. 23 (AFP) — Australia's opening batsman Graeme Wood celebrated his fifth Test century in the second Test against India at the Adelaide Oval Friday after being dropped before he had scored.

The 24-year-old Wood hit a six and 10 boundaries in his innings of 125 as Australia swept to 319 for three in its first innings. Wood was the backbone of Australia's innings but he had magnificent assistance from his fellow Western Australian, Kim Hughes, who was 85 not out at stumps.

attack the Indians and in all he hit nine boundaries in his unbeaten 85. He shared an unfinished partnership of 85 with Allan Border (33) not out.

Score-board

AUSTRALIA (1st Innings)	30
J. Dyson c Gavaskar b Kapil Dev	125
G. Wood c Doshi b Yashar	56
C. Chappell c Chohan b Doshi	85
K. Hughes batting	33
A. Border batting	10
Extras	31.9
Total (for three wickets)	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-84, 2-152, 3-234.	
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 21-3-70-1; Gavri 16-2-66-0; Doshi 31-3-93-1; Yadav 26-6-80-1.	



STUMBLING BLOCK: A Pacificer defender jumps to block the ball as Castle I launch an attack.

## Pacificer holds best record Sogex, Spartans corner limelight

By Laurie Thomas

As the second and final Bumper of the volleyball season approaches, interest centered last week on Pacificer who now hold the league's best record after a 3-1 victory over Castle I.

The Bumper is a one-off series of matches where the teams are placed in order of the league record and each team plays the team at the opposite end of the table. Thus the team with the best league record plays the team with the worst record. These pairings are unpredictable since a team's record obviously changes with each match and so possibly will his position in the Bumper table.

Pacificer now hold a 8-1 record and take over from Nasco whose previously unbeaten 7-0 record was shattered by 3-0 defeats at the hands of Sogex and Spartans.

The Bumper pairings always create a lot of interest. Last week, for instance Pacificer, a

White (fourth) Division team headed the Bumper table but could have found themselves facing Raytheon II who, although holding a sorry 0-8 record, actually play two divisions higher, in the Silver Division. This second Bumper is scheduled for mid-Feb.

In league action last week, Sogex and Spartans both continued to improve their previously poor form. As mentioned, both had wins over league leaders Nasco, previously unbeaten, Sogex also recorded a 3-0 victory over Raiders, who have now lost their last two matches without winning a game.

At the other end of the league, Datic moved to the top of the Red (bottom) Division with a 3-0 wins over Mopsi and U.S. Embassy while in the Silver (second) Division, Stars improved their record, downing Raytheon I and Vulnares, both 3-1. Castle II suffered the same fate as their first team, going down 1-3 to the Sharks.

This week sees Pacificer and Sogex in action on Saturday, against Hammers and Birds respectively, while Datic take on newcomers U.K. Embassy in Tuesday night action.

### India scores

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23 (AP) — India beat England by 72 runs Thursday in the second one-day limited overs International Women's cricket match at the Northern City of Jullundur.

England won the toss but put India to bat. The Indian women battered the English bowling, hitting 156 for seven in the stipulated 45 overs. Vrinda Bhat, with 42, was the highest scorer.

A fine spell of bowling by Indian Sharmila Chakravarty, who captured four wickets for 17 runs, enabled her team to dismiss England 84 runs. Only June Edney faced the Indian bowling confidently, making 32 runs.

### Shabab holds Hilal

## Nasr boosts position

By Muir Muhammad

JEDDAH, Jan. 23 — As the National Football League nears its end, Nasr boosted its lead by defeating Nahda 2-0, in Dammam Wednesday while its major rival, Hilal, was tied 1-1 by Shabab in Riyadh Thursday.

With only two matches remaining, Nasr look set to retain the title. The third position will be decided Friday after Itihad's encounter with Itifaq in Dammam, as Ahli drew with Qadisiyya 1-1 Thursday afternoon also in Dammam.

ing was poor.

The team resumed its pressure and Hilal's defense gave in the 68th minute. Brazilian Bruno equalized heading a pass by Naif Marzouq.

Ahli maintained its good shape during the first half by scoring an early goal. The game began with fast and surprising attacks from Ahli that paid off through Ahmad Al-Saghir in the 12th minute. But the second half was equally shared by the two teams.

Ahli played without its striker Amin Dabu, and its attack lacked punch. The only goal scored came through mid-field player Saghir. Brazilian Zenon in the mid-field and Tunisian Jandubi played a great game. The only misfortune for Ahli was its goalie, Ghazi Sadaqa, who appeared shaky and nearly caused his team's disaster.

Qadisiyya's goal came in the 80th minute through Saud Al-Jassem from a corner.

The remaining two matches of the 16th week of the league will be held in Dammam, between Itihad and Itifaq, and in Hail between the two outgoing teams, Riyadh and Jabalein.

Nasr, playing without national star Majed Abdullah, was able to win with the great efforts of Yusuf Khamis and Darwish Said. Khamis scored Nasr's first goal in the 31st minute and Darwish the second in the 68th minute. Several good scoring chances were missed by both teams.

Despite an early goal by Hilal, Shabab stood firm and repelled Hilal's attacks. The goal came through Hilal's Tunisian striker, Najib Imam, in the eighth minute. Shabab controlled most of the first half, but its finish-

### BRIEFS

HONG KONG, (AFP) — Twenty teams including Argentinian, American and Barbadian sides will take part in this year's international Seven-A-Side Rugby Championship to be held here on March 28 and 29, the chairman of the Hong Kong Rugby Football Union said Thursday. Organizers have expanded participation from 16 to 20 teams by inviting the Argentinian Pumas, the American Eagles, the Barbarians and the Tongans.

DUBLIN, (AFP) — Storm Bird, Britain's top two-old last season and antepost favorite for this year's Epsom Derby, has been the victim of a mysterious attack. When his box was opened Thursday morning, it was discovered that the colt's mane and tail had been cut. Irish police are now investigating the

incident at Ballydoyle stables, Cashel, County Tipperary.

KARACHI, (AP) — A constitutional petition has been filed in Sind High Court against the Pakistan Hockey Federation, its officers, and the Pakistan Sports Control Board for being "responsible jointly and separately for the atrocities that have been meted out to the game of hockey," Pakistan's national sport. The petition was filed by three lawyers in Karachi.

LONDON, (AFP) — Former British and European light-weight Boxing-Champion Chris Finnegan was charged Thursday with making off without payment after a complaint by a taxi driver. Finnegan, who won a gold medal at the 1968 Olympics, is due to appear at Uxbridge Magistrates Court on February 13.

DURBAN, (AFP) — The South African Formula One Grand Prix will be held as scheduled on Feb. 7, said the organizers' spokesman Lindy Briscoe. Reports from Ferrari headquarters in Modena, Italy, where rival formula one teams met earlier in the week to settle their differences, indicated the South African race would be postponed.

THE HAGUE, (AFP) — The 10 athletes from South Africa who used Dutch passports to enter New Zealand last week to compete in the World Veteran Games could well have Dutch nationality.

### We are fit and ready, England skipper says

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Jan. 23 (AP) — England's cricket captain Ian Botham has recovered fully from a fever and a slight leg strain and will lead his team in the opening match of its 14-match Caribbean tour against a young West Indies Cricket Board President's eleven at Pointe-A-Pierre, South Trinidad, starting Friday.

Botham and all his players have been in the West Indies a week, first in Antigua and then in Trinidad, practicing, getting fit and acclimatizing to warm, Caribbean weather and conditions.

"We're all fit and ready to go," Botham said Thursday after practice session here. The team in likely batting order will be Geoff Boycott, Brian Rose, David Gower, Mike Gatting, Roland Butcher, Peter Willey, Botham, David Bairstow, Graham Stevenson, Chris Old and Graham Dilley.

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